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Brave Lady Dies for SOCIAL JUSTICE

SOCIAL JUSTICE continues to receive letters of praise for the work of the late Mrs. Louise Fleming, 72, of Chicago, whom we just learn "passed away while she was carrying heavy bags of SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine to loop newsstands."

At the time of our earlier mention of Mrs. Fleming's work and death, SOCIAL JUSTICE was not informed of the circumstances. Indeed, it was not until we got some letters criticizing us for the omission that we learned about this bit of heroism.

A letter signed by many Chicago friends of the little lady reads in part:

"We have all been patiently watching SOCIAL JUSTICE each week for some sort of tribute for her perseverance all through the long bitter cold winter months, and rain or shine for the past several years. She was at old St. Peter's Church every day, no matter what the weather, smiling and selling her SOCIAL JUSTICE papers together with other papers which regular customers obtained from her."

She was buried from St. Peter's Church, Clark and Polk Streets, before which she distributed the magazines for so many years. Mrs. Fleming's daughter is now selling SOCIAL JUSTICE in her mother's place.

Words are inadequate to express a proper tribute to this sort of loyalty to the Christian principles of social justice, which this little old lady sought to aid.

We are most willing to make this belated expression of gratitude and tribute, and only regret that the information was withheld from us for so long.

Naturally, SOCIAL JUSTICE does not have the advertising income which permits daily newspapers to hire large staffs of news correspondents and reporters everywhere. In our case, every reader of this magazine is our reporter.

We are sure that there are countless more cases of similar heroism on the part of earnest crusaders for Christian social justice. We never hear of them until somebody complains.

Why not look around you and let us know what is going on for or against social justice in **YOUR** neighborhood. Never mind fancy writing; send your editor the facts.

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Sanctity of human rights preferred to sanctity of property with Government's chief concern for the poor.

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Fr. Coughlin Jubilee Mass in the Bronx

NEW YORK friends of Father Coughlin in the vicinity of the Bronx, who wish to attend a Mass in honor of his Silver Jubilee, may do so on Saturday, July 12th, at 8:25 a.m., at the Church of St. Benedict, 2961 East Boulevard. The church is one block from the end of the Tremont avenue trolley line.

Lutherans Urge Peace for U. S.

A RESOLUTION urging that President Roosevelt and Congress keep the United States out of war was passed at the Ohio district convention of the American Lutheran Church, representing 73,000 Ohio Christians.

The text of the resolution follows:

"We pray to God in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, that He may guide our President, and the Congress of the United States in these critical and perilous times to keep our country out of war.

"We believe that war is a vicious cycle and that the consequences of war are far more disastrous than war itself.

"We are fully agreed that our own country and shores be fully protected and defended, but we are opposed to sending our boys to fight on foreign shores and in belligerent waters.

"Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Ohio District, that a copy be sent to the President of the United States, to the United States Senators, and Representatives of the State of Ohio."

A Michigan convention of the same church group a week ago passed a resolution commending Father Coughlin's timely warning against the war making of the international financialists.

A Salesman's Letter

A YOUNG LADY in Baltimore, Md., writes the following letter to the circulation office:

"This letter was prompted by your recent appeal for more distributors of SOCIAL JUSTICE. I am 19 years old, and am completing my second year as a SOCIAL JUSTICE salesman.

"I look forward with eagerness to Saturday nights and Sunday mornings when I sell them in Baltimore city and at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church (Middle River), respectively.

"My mother taught me to love and respect Father Coughlin and to listen to his teachings. I enjoy working for his ideals—they continue to strengthen my faith and loyalty when I feel discouraged and bitter.

"Then, too, SOCIAL JUSTICE has won for me new friends and acquaintances and the experience of meeting people of all races and degrees of intelligence.

"I am grateful for the opportunity of serving my country. I urge other American youth to join me. America needs us now. We, the youth of America and her future citizens, cannot and will not fail her."

Heat Pops Paint Cans 'n Edditurs Brains, Pete Says

H'YA, FOLKS:

This kolum almost didn't get writt'n again this week. What with all my sekateries swamp'd with koruspondunce with our subskribers; fillin' rush orders f'r th' bulk trade; 'n vyin' f'r a turn at a kool syclone sellar t' work in — this departmunt goes a-beggin' f'r servus.

But it's hard t' get girls everywhere jus' now — (it always is when th' other fellas all wear uniforms!) But, serously, I herd Mister Fetz who runs th' resterant nex' door tellin' Deadline Daddy that waitresses 'n store girls're all quittin' t' work in th' war factries.

I'll bet they're after sum uv that fool's gold that Pal's Boss tells about. Well, all I can say is they'll all be on th' receivin' end uv a lotta gloom when peace knocks the props out frum under the war boom. Now with me it's a steddy proposishun, and what I want is a steddy girl. (Who doesn't?) Now, watch my "fan" mail pick up!

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Perhaps I outta skip th' wether this week. It's a wunder th' edditoriul brains ain't addled mor'n ushual in those hot boxes they use f'r offuses. I herd th' edditur say once that other tennants must have stood it an' he bet he cud take it too. But I jus' herd th' answer to that one.

A man who usta hav a paint store in th' building before we made a edditoriul offus outta it said th' paint cans used to pop on th' shelvs on hot days like this. He sed he'd kum in th' morning never knowin' what color'd be all over th' place — jus' lik' Mother Coughlin's froot cans usta do sumtimes. So that isn't green ink all over th' edditur's floor after all — it's paint from th' ol' days.

If the paint cans popped off in here, no wunder th' edditur does! Heh! Heh!

' ' '

Lessee, about all th' news is up t' Pal's place this week. Things're just startin' t' begin t' happen as we put this eddishun t' press, so I'll try 'n get ya sum kinda report f'r nex' week.

Everybody felt sorry when Miss Schulte's littl' neice hadda go t' th' hospitul f'r a operashun. She's ez pretty as a little doll; no wunder Aunt Mary May is so keen on her.

Ev'rybuddy else is all as well as can be expected in this heat wave. Th' old fella can't get inta his white ducks; he's tryin' t' tell us they shrunk three inches! Tsch! tsch! The edditur's old mother who is 90 and broke her hip, now has a bolt through it and is wrapped in a cast lik' a 'Gypshun mummy — only a lot livelier than one of them. She wants t' go home so she can sooperintend sum reel meals insted uv hospital cookin'. Here's bettin' she does, too.

' ' '

Well, take care uv yourselves. Keep outa this hot sun. Th' Mexicuns hav' got th' right idee — they see-esta from noon till four o'clock. My Big Brother Pal tol' me about it; he's all f'r a noon nap, too, but he overdoes it. That's why he lost this Cirkulashun job, just between us.

This job's one t' keep you wide awake, I'm tellin' ya.

By the way, there's only a few uv them dandy special edishuns left from Father Coughlin's Silver Joobilee. If you want sum extra ones, ya better tell sumbuddy right away.

Well, s'long f'r now an' I'll be seein' ya.

— PETE.

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Fr. Coughlin Celebrates Silver Jubilee

Shrine of the Little Flower Scene of Exquisite Splendor

THE SHRINE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER—beautiful in its sculptured majesty — was the scene of an exquisite ceremonial on the occasion of Father Coughlin's celebration of his Silver Jubilee.

Thousands of friends of the Jubilarian assembled from far and near. There was scarcely a State in the Union not represented by a delegation. The huge edifice, packed to overflowing, was decorated with festoons of flowers, silver ribbons and glimmering tapers.

Promptly at ten o'clock (Sunday, June 29) the celebrant's procession wended its way through a living avenue of friends and parishioners along Twelve Mile Road, thence to the bronze doors of the Crucifixion Tower and on to the main altar while the magnificent Franciscan friars' choir chanted the ancient *"Jubilate."*

At the console of the mighty organ was Gilbert Gervais. Directing the superb choir of brown-robed singers was Father John de Deo, O.F.M.—one of the very few Doctors of Music in America—and bosom friend of Father Coughlin.

The procession itself was made up of 80 vested choir boys and servers, of 100 vested choir girls and groups of liveried pages and maids of honor chosen from the Shrine parish school.

Following these came a procession of clergy. In this latter group the brown and white robes of Franciscan and Dominican mingled with the black robes of Passionists, Redemptorists and Secular priests.

Bearded Capuchins and religious of many orders were among the more than 200 visiting priests who participated in the Mass.

Finally came the Jubilarians group headed by His Excellency Archbishop Francis Beckman of Dubuque, Iowa, staunch friend of the late Bishop Gallagher, who, may we presume, was spiritually in the procession.

Assisting the stately metropolitan Beckman were Very Reverend Urban Freundt, O.F.M. and Reverend Walter Gonter of Buffalo.

Then, coped in flowing liturgical red, marched the arch-priest of the Mass, the Reverend Edward Brophy of Long Island, New York.

Next appeared Reverend Albert Hutting and Reverend Cyril Keating in the velvet chasubles of deacon and sub-deacon.

And, finally, the Jubilarian himself, beaming smiles right and left to the thousands who rejoiced with him as they lined the streets to witness the pageantry which had been conceived and executed by Reverend Cassian Sand, O.F.M., the peerless Master of Ceremonies resident at the Shrine.

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On proceeding to the main altar, the organ was hushed as the celebrant and officers of the Mass faced the congregation.

Symbolic of the many presents showered upon Father Coughlin was the one gift he prized most—the gift from the little children of the parish which was presented to him at this juncture. Acting for the school children, little Marilyn Antwis, gowned in morning glory blue, handed to her pastor a magnificently tooled leather book containing the pledge of Communions, prayers, Masses and sacrifices contributed by the boys and girls from the Shrine School.

Next, Patricia Day and her bridesmaids and flower girls—Hazel Montfils and Pauline Groth, (Bridesmaids), Julianna Kehoe and Ruth Chamberlain (Flower Girls) — offered Father Coughlin the Chalice of the Mass which was carried to him on a satin pillow.

The Solemn Mass then began. The choir, impeccably trained in Roman liturgical chant, filled the large edifice with resounding *"Kyrie, Eleisons,"* as incense from the thurible rose amidst the gleam of baldachino lights to typify the thousands of prayers which were being poured to God by more than 3,500 fortunate persons who had gained access to the Church.

Following the singing of the Gospel, Father Albert Hutting was conducted to the pulpit by Father Peter Wiethe, O.F.M., Assistant Master of Ceremonies.

Eloquently, Father Hutting preached an appropriate sermon for the day which is recorded elsewhere.

At the conclusion of his discourse, Father Hutting called upon Father Coughlin to make a few impromptu remarks in which the Jubilarian thanked his parishioners and friends—both lay and clerical — making specific mention of the debt he owed his staff, his secretaries and his beloved parents who occupied the seats of honor.

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Following the Mass, the procession of clergy returned to the sacristy, thence to the rectory and to its cloistered garden where breakfast was served for the 50 priests who had celebrated Mass during the morning, and luncheon for more than 200 clergymen and hundreds of sisters of various religious communities who had come to share the happiness of the day with the renowned radio priest.

Among the Sisters present were Very Reverend Mother Regina of Cincinnati (Sisters of Charity) and Very Reverend Mother Gerald of Adrian (Dominican Sisters).

Also present among the religious were Father Coughlin's two cousins, Sister M. Bernice and Sister M. Imelda of Buffalo.

During the afternoon scores of priests continued a pilgrimage of felicitations to the Shrine garden.

At three o'clock Solemn Benediction was given by Very Reverend Father Urban Freundt, O.F.M. who was assisted by Father Theodore, O.F.M. and Father Walter Gonter.

Immediately preceding benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Father Coughlin addressed his thanksgiving oration to a group of more than 4,000 persons thronging the Shrine of the Little Flower.

After benediction — still smiling — he made it his business to greet personally and individually more than 2,500 of his friends from far and near who shook his hands and poured into his ears the theme of the day, "Ad multos annos."

There was evident throughout the entire day a note of glowing gratitude on the part of both priests and laity in that the best known priest in America—famous for his national broadcast—was able to preach a new sermon—a living sermon which they all enjoyed. It was the new sermon of obedience and faith—new in a day when individualism and crass reason were being emphasized in so many quarters.

The celebration of Father Coughlin's Jubilee will take on the aspect of an octave in that thousands of pilgrims already have signified their intention to visit the Shrine all week long, culminating with the week-end of July 4th.

ALTHOUGH this edition of SOCIAL JUSTICE was scheduled to go to press over the week-end of Father Coughlin's Silver Jubilee, the editors decided to hold the edition in order that a timely—if not adequate — report can be given readers of the ceremonies at the Shrine of the Little Flower on Sunday, June 29th, the 25th anniversary of Father Coughlin's ordination to the Catholic priesthood.

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Comment

Communism and A Christian Front

IN THE August 8, 1938, edition of SOCIAL JUSTICE the Most Reverend John F. Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne and Editor of *Our Sunday Visitor,* was quoted as follows:

"If Communism is an evil both to country and to religion, it must be denounced no matter what be the consequences to the denouncers."

Brave words from His Excellency!

He added: "Monsignor Fulton Sheen, Father Coughlin and other Catholic clergymen who have the ear of the people — no matter whether their views be identical or not in relation to certain measures designed to promote the economic good of the American people — have advocated, and are advocating, a united Christian Front.

"Our Sunday Visitor is willing and eager to co-operate with them, and appeals to you individually, and as members of your respective parishes, to lend your support in your own communities to the defense and advocacy of those Christian principles which are fundamental to Christianity and to a healthy state of civil society."

The Christian Front movement was launched by Father Coughlin in 1937. It was an unorganized movement. It was hoped that it would be a spontaneous movement headed by able Christian leaders.

Unfortunately, in some instances, spontaneous self-starters placed themselves at the head of various units of the Christian Front with the result that it lacked guidance, direction and counsel.

This was not the fault, altogether, of the laity. In some instances, it was the fault of those leaders who thought "it couldn't happen here"; of those leaders who belittled the need of a Christian Front, at the very moment a Marxian front was prospering in our midst.

Are we ashamed of a Christian Front?

Has our conception of tolerance gone so haywire as to include in its definition not only love for the sinner but love for the sin?

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Why not a Christian Front?

There are hundreds — yes, thousands — of groups scattered throughout the country convinced that the Christian way of life is the only way of life for America and its citizens.

But something has happened in places where it should not have happened.

While we pray for peace in those places, we do not talk for peace — except privately to the Blessed Virgin or to Our Lord.

While we preach the Christian code of life in pulpits, we are accused of preaching a compromising code of life on the public rostra.

Are Christians guilty — at least our Christian leaders — of hiding their lights under a bushel in public for fear of criticism, for fear of political recriminations?

Bishop Noll said: "Not only are there numerous organizations in America, some bearing very attractive names and possessed of considerable money, furthering the Communist cause, but there are many Catholic men, influential because of their official position, or because of their connection with newspapers and periodicals, who are collaborating beautifully, even if unwittingly, with enemies of God and the State. Many politicians, seeing an opportunity to capture a large vote, are encouraging a 'united front,' of which Communism and Socialism are always the chief beneficiaries. Election support is usually guaranteed by the latter to candidates of other Parties in return for promises of political positions."

There can be no active Christian Front that is really Christian unless it looks inside the front doors of our churches for leadership and outside the front doors of those churches for results.

It is easy for clergymen to damn John Cassidy, Frank Moran and a thousand other lay leaders in the movement, while they themselves contribute nothing towards the movement except opposition.

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When will they learn?

There is the case of the Christian Front trial spurred on by Aaronson and spearheaded by Attorney General Frank Murphy. There were the arrests and the ravages upon homes and liberties. There were false witnesses.

Then came the trial and the "Not Guilty" verdict to be swallowed by those who were able to disgrace the entire Christian Front movement through their control over newspapers.

But there was no retraction on the part of the duped newspapers. The stigma of guilt still remains upon those young men and their families because they were framed and journalistically smeared by anti-Christians, by Communists, and by a Jewish front, all of whom used the majesty of the courts of our land to achieve their ends.

Those young men were martyrs directly. Christians throughout the nation are martyrs indirectly because anti-Christians succeeded in defaming the only decent name available — the name of the Christian Front.

Too much sacrifice has been made for that name to expect that the Catholics and Protestants who are real Christians will forget.

They are asking from Philadelphia to Denver: "What has become of the Christian newspapers, of the editors, of the priests who at one time supported the Christian Front?"

They are inquiring if these institutions and individuals have been silenced.

And they are demanding some kind of action rather than the collaborated action of Catholic, Protestant and Jew — with all breaks for the Jew.

Indeed, Anti-Semitism is condemned.

But anti-Christianism is not condemned.

Indeed, neither Father Coughlin nor SOCIAL JUSTICE is anti-Semitic — nor should any other individual or newspaper be — in the sense that it is opposed to any individual Jew, to any religious Jew, to any group of Jews.

We are opposed, however, to having atheistic Jews *impose their code of life upon our political structure, our social structure, our economic structure and our national structure.*

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At least, we can be honest and say what others think.

We remember that atheistic Communism was conceived and brought to birth in Russia chiefly through the instrumentality of godless Jews.

And it is our expressed opinion that this world war would not now be in progress except it were for the benefit particularly of international banking Jews.

We say this publicly while others think it privately.

Today, the lines of life are more defined than ever. We are either with Christ or against Christ. We are either with Communism or against Communism. We are either with those opposing Communism or against those opposing Communism.

If we are lukewarm — so Christ reminded us — He will begin to spew us out of His mouth, into the gutter where we belong.

When the Christian Front was driven into the catacombs by the planned publicity smear, it was thought that Christian leaders throughout the country would exercise charity towards the seventeen persecuted young men.

No such thing happened. Many leaders — because it was Jewishly popular — sneered at Father Coughlin and turned thumbs down on the Christian Fronters, as did the Patrician population of Rome turn their thumbs down on the Christian slave martyrs because Nero so willed it.

Or, they acted as did many Christian leaders in England in the days of Henry VIII when Bishop John Fisher was done to death — the only ranking leader that had the courage to defy Henry VIII!

But now a test case is at hand for leaders and followers alike. Pope Pius XI addressed an official encyclical to the Venerable Brethren throughout the world — and this includes the United States — wherein he made the following pronouncement:

"See to it, Venerable Brethren, that the Faithful do not allow themselves to be deceived! Communism is intrinsically

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German Bishops

A UNITED PRESS dispatch of June 24th informs us that the German Catholic episcopate sent to all dioceses a message describing the war against Russia as a battle for Christianity all over the world.

The German bishops, as we know, are no pussy-footing gentlemen.

When the German government restricted Catholic activities in Germany, these Christian leaders vehemently and intelligently protested.

No one can say that they have changed their mind about their former protestations.

However, they have now united in their approval and support of Germany's war on Russia.

Possibly, some American clergymen will oppose the hierarchy of Germany.

Possibly, others will remain silent.

The fact is that the German Catholic bishops are unanimous in their statement that Germany's war on Russia is a battle for Christianity.

Elsewhere, Cardinal Hinsley is quoted in a statement he made prior to the war to the effect that English Catholics cannot and will not support Great Britain in any alliance with Soviet Russia.

At least, the Russo-German war has put the war-mongering clergymen and others on the spot in America.

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wrong, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any manner whatsoever."

Can Christians co-operate by paying taxes which will buy armaments to save the Soviets?

Can Christians remain silent in applauding our all-aid-for-Britain and all-aid-for-Russia war?

Can Christians identify themselves by giving moral support to those activists whose objectives are identified with those of Josef Stalin?

The leaders are expected to lead forcefully, vocally and determinedly.

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The issue is clear.

We cannot co-operate in any way whatsoever with those who are aiding, abetting and furthering the Communist cause.

Indeed, Christianity in America is at the crossroads.

The next three months will determine whether or not our Christianity will assert itself or will become subservient as it did in England in the days of Henry VIII.

Until now, possibly, there was some excuse for diplomatically co-operating with Communists, and Communist lovers and Communist supporters, with the hope of trying to win them to our side. That day has passed. From now on there is only one road for us to travel — to travel alone. It is the Christian road.

No longer can we travel with others. Henceforth, others must travel with us even though our pilgrimage leads to martyrdom.

Let us have no hair-splitting in this crisis — a crisis for the Christian Church as well as for the United States of America.

The Associated Press (June 24th) reported Mr. Roosevelt's press conference of that day as follows:

"Carrying forward the policy of favoring Russia against Germany, President Roosevelt promised all possible American help for the Soviets today and released 'frozen' Russian assets to permit the purchase of needed materials in the United States . . .

"The President made it clear that aid to Russia would be limited only by the productive capacity of American industry and the prior defense requirements of the United States and Great Britain."

Christians cannot go along with Mr. Roosevelt and his all-aid-for-Russia policy.

Christians must tell him plainly that they cannot go along with him or else tear out those paragraphs from Pius XI's encyclical which were quoted above; destroy them; blush because they had been written; and proclaim that Franklin D. Roosevelt knows more about Christianity than did the sainted author of the words, "Communism is intrinsically wrong, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any manner whatsoever."

In other words, the Christian Front is looking for leadership in high places — leaders around whom the common people can assemble.

These leaders alone can hold the people.

Without leadership, God alone knows what will happen. And the leaders will be responsible.

Propaganda About War Production

To DATE $45-billion has been made available for war weapons by the Congress of the United States.

To date $3-billion actually has been spent.

According to the *United States News*, reliable Washington weekly, the United States in one full year of armament effort has succeeded in producing a volume of arms that Germany's Europe can turn out in less than two months; that England can turn out in little more than three months.

Except for airplanes, the much-advertised American flood of production is only a trickle.

Meanwhile, our people have been hoodwinked into believing that the O.P.M., operating under Mr. Roosevelt, has been doing an excellent job in preparing the United States against the inevitable day of attack.

It is the same kind of preparation, in some respects, that characterized the French effort before the surrender of France to Adolf Hitler.

It is a type of defense preparation more notable for words than for swords.

Spokesmen for the Administration boast that $45-billion has been appropriated for arms — an appropriation less than half of Hitler's actual outlay. They boast of a two-ocean Navy; of equipment for a million and a half soldiers; and of all aid for Britain and Soviet Russia.

While the Army and Navy and British buyers placed contracts for $18-billion last year, only $7-billion of materials were turned out in actual production.

Of this $7-billion spent for Britain and the United States in this country, less than $3-billion went into guns, planes, munitions and ships.

The rest of it went into army camps, clothing and non-military contracts.

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Years ago, Hitler completed all his preparations. Today, Hitler is turning out actual war instruments.

Our own Government estimates that Hitler is turning out instruments of war at the rate of $2-billion a month, or $24-billion a year.

Even beleaguered Britain is turning out $1-billion a month, or $12-billion a year in actual armaments.

Compared to these figures Uncle Sam — through mismanagement — turned out only $250-million a month last year and $500-million a month this year.

These are actual figures which, being interpreted, mean that the United States is almost despairingly behind the Axis powers. It would require many years for us and Great Britain combined to catch up with Adolf Hitler.

While airplane production in America shows good performance, Germany is still far ahead both in capacity to produce and in planes on hand.

In the shipbuilding field the record is far from encouraging. At present we are equipped to turn out approximately $850-million of ships per year. But actually, our present schedule calls for construction of only $210-million worth of ships this year and $480-million worth of ships in 1942.

As for guns, cannon and ordnance, we have $5-billion available. As for actual production in this field, it represents an outlay of only $750-million last year.

As for all aid for Britain predicated upon an expenditure of $7-billion, it is startling to learn that we have sent on England only $75-million worth of goods.

After one year's effort, frilled and furbelowed with propaganda and big talk, the United States is only in the starting phases in the task of preparing for war.

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If our efforts have been punctuated by industrial strikes, they have been characterized by inefficiency on the part of political bosses.

The *United States News* asks the question: "Can the United States make up for lost time and overcome the lead in war preparation that has been gained by its potential enemies?"

The answer is: "It can, if willing."

The war in which we are engaged is one brought on by the Roosevelt Administration.

The inefficiency in preparing for a successful war also belongs to the Roosevelt Administration.

Many Americans are scouting the question — "How long can Germany hold out?" — as inept.

Rather, they are entertaining the pressing question — "How long can American democracy last?"

With Germany's production up to $24-billion of actual armament per year; with ours down to an actual expenditure of $6-billion a year, it does not behoove our Administration spokesmen to engage in boasting.

All this boils down to concrete questions:

Is the United States ready if Hitler shoots? The answer is: Only in part.

As for the Navy: It is ready — provided the British navy remains intact and opposed to the Axis.

As for the Army: It is not ready. It is lacking in equipment and experience. It is not being trained according to panzerized methods. As yet, no one knows where it could be used if it were ready.

As for the Army air corps: It is not ready owing to equipment shortage.

As for industry: It is geared up for no more than 15 per cent production. To attain 100 per cent production means that industrialists, of their own free will, will cease producing pleasure vehicles, refrigerators and modern conveniences. Or, by Government edict, it will find itself regimented, directed and operated by the Government itself.

As for labor: Troops will be used, if necessary, to regiment all laborers. Strikes must be outlawed. Wages will be set. Hours of work will be dictated.

As for the citizens: They cannot engage in a war against Hitler unless they adopt Hitler's mode of living. This means that freedom of the press and of speech will be ice-boxed. Recreations will be limited. Expenditures will be directed. Private initiative will be nationalized.

Can Mr. Roosevelt's Administration accomplish this?

That is a question to which we fear to attempt an answer.

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Should Russia Win

ENGLAND and the United States have pledged all aid to the Communists of Soviet Russia.

In doing so, they are hoping that Russia will win the war.

The defeat of the Germans means that Josef Stalin would take up where Adolf Hitler left off.

He would dominate the European scene from the Baltic to the Mediterranean.

Definitely, Europe would be communized.

Definitely, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill would go down in history as those who helped in bringing about the communization of Europe.

No; these gentlemen are not Communists, but they are communistic — unequivocally communistic — in having offered all aid to the progenitor of atheism, the murderer of religionists and the sworn enemy of Christianity.

According to Christ's yardstick — *"you are either with Me or against Me"* — Roosevelt and Churchill are either with Communism or against Communism.

There is no middle ground upon which they can stand.

Why did Adolf Hitler declare war on Josef Stalin?

We know the advertised reasons. Possibly, there is an unadvertised motive. Possibly, to escape the onus and the criticism which are his, Hitler decided to make an enemy of Communism in order to force Britain and the United States to become Communism's friend and ally.

If this is so, the declaration of war on Russia was worth more to Adolf Hitler than the capture of Roumania, Yugoslavia and Greece combined. In fact, it was a knock-out blow to the international bankers and war-mongers — provided Hitler topples over the Communist regime in Russia.

If he fails, Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill will have to deal not only with Josef Stalin but with millions of slain Christians who sacrificed their lives rather than submit to the atheistic dictatorship in vogue in Russia.

Butter and Guns

RECENTLY Great Britain cancelled some of her food contracts with the Argentine and Brazil.

Reason: Merchants at Rio and Buenos Aires demanded cash on the barrel-head for beef and butter. Uncle Sam *donates* these products to John Bull.

There is no shortage of butter and beef. South American markets have an ample supply of these foodstuffs.

However, there promises to be a shortage in this country unless we begin importing from South America in order to make donations on the all-aid-for-Britain plan.

It is possible that Leon Henderson, official price-fixer, will dictate to the farmers and produce merchants the price of food commodities just as he is doing in the automotive industry.

All this means that "business as usual" has come to an end.

All this means that, with low fixed prices for butter and beef in America, there will be a shortage of these products in comparison to what formerly we used per person — even though one-third of our population was ill-fed.

All this means that tons of dairy and abattoir products required by Americans will be shipped abroad just when hundreds of thousands of young farmers have been enticed to cities to become engaged in the munition industry.

The thumb rule has been laid down by Government. It is a rule of more guns and less butter.

Now that this rule is in effect, let those who have striven for an all-out war tighten up their belts and zipper their mouths.

Meanwhile, the South American Republics, none too friendly toward us, can both talk and live according to the thumb rule of "business as usual."

If We Had Gone to War

THE *Wall Street Journal* (June 25) publishes an editorial entitled *"Tweedledum and Tweedledee."*

It states:

"Suppose that in the last three months, the United States had heeded the insistent interventionist cry that we enter the war. Had that been done, we would at this hour be the ally of totalitarian, Communist Russia in a war to spread the 'four freedoms' to all corners of the world. American ships probably would be on their way to help the Russian navy. Before long American soldiers might be fighting beside the Red army, with all exposed to Communist propaganda."

Commenting upon the statement made by Mr. Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State, the *Journal* reminds us that this gentleman stresses his disregard for Communism but thinks we ought to help the Communists.

Possibly, Mr. Welles and the war-mongers in America have a good principle upside-down.

We've been taught to love the sinner and hate the sin.

These gentlemen are trying to teach us to love the sin and hate the sinner.

Mr. Welles appears to forget what Stalin has been doing in China — endeavoring to bolshevize it. It is a well-known fact that the great democracy of China has been overrun with Communist armies.

Mr. Welles forgets what Stalin did in Spain. The Catholic country of Spain was trampled upon by hordes of Soviet Stalinites.

Mr. Welles forgets what Stalin did to France. He turned it topsy-turvy and made it easy pickings for the armies of Hitler.

Mr. Welles forgets what Stalin did for Finland. He made war upon the little nation for no better reason that that of downright aggression.

Mr. Welles forgets what Stalin did to Poland and the Baltic nations. Stalin's forces herded Polish women into Russian army camps to treat them in a manner not describable.

Mr. Welles forgets what Stalin did for Roumania. He stole part of that country — Bessarabia, to be explicit.

Mr. Welles forgets what Stalin did for the United States and the labor movement. He protected Earl Browder. He still protects Harry Bridges. He still protects Madame Perkins and the rest of the Reds in the United States Government.

Archbishop Assures President Peace Aid

IN ONE of the most forceful peace pleas any member of the Catholic hierarchy has delivered in the present crisis, His Excellency the Most Rev. Francis J. L. Beckman, Archbishop of Dubuque, appealed to President Roosevelt *to reject the advice of war-mongers and to fulfill his pledge to keep the United States out of war.*

"Your pledges will be kept because we will help you keep them," the Archbishop assured the President. Speaking over a national radio network from an America First Committee rally at Dubuque, His Excellency continued:

"This time, the Golden Calf must go unworshipped, the sacrificial altars unadored.

"Our boys are staying at home; and, in your own words, 'they are going into training to form a force so strong that of its very nature it will keep the threat of war far from our shores.'

"May God bless and guide you in this critical hour."

The Archbishop emphasized that he was speaking "as a Prince of the Church, this time, not alone as a private citizen," and that his peace message was being delivered "in the line of bitter duty."

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The road to war, His Excellency said, was taken "on that day that Congress repealed the *Arms Embargo* with the pretext 'it would keep us out of war' — on that day our people were tricked into the parlor of the interventionists. On that occasion I joined my plea with those of my countrymen who were so valiantly striving to prevent repeal of this law because they were farsighted enough to see in such action a first step toward war.

"But over our earnest plea to the Congress the lying tongues of the hypocrites prevailed. With 'measures short of war' they proceeded diabolically, step by step, maneuvering us to the very brink of military involvement which is our position at this moment.

"Who would have dreamed five years ago that we would thus be led again by the propagandists? And the climax of all this trickery — that monstrous prepetration upon our people who found no vote for war or peace at the November polls! The same bloody brigands who had their way in the last war saw to that. The democracy of which they prattle so effusively was for all present purposes, if I may borrow the phrase, 'sold down the river on November 5th!' What a great laugh these Judas Iscariots and Benedict Arnolds must have enjoyed at the expense of the trusting millions; and tragically, what a great laugh at the expense of all our beloved America stood for!

"Yet it is not enough that our people should be humiliatingly subjected to the vile indignity of the lie, but for those who cry the truth now come the slurs and the revilings. From the temples of the moneyed mighty the flood of denunciation rolls forth; 'These are not of Christ; these are not of democracy; Bundists! Communists! Pacifists! — these are all the same stamp; disregard them! Crucify them!'

"But oh, take comfort, people, for if Christ Himself were this moment to return and confront these modern Herods, and Pilates, and Neros for their crimes before the world, He, too, would be crowned by them a 'Bundist!'

"Therefore, proudly conscious of your own strength, you dear fathers and mothers, you of all faiths and earnest patriotic convictions, you Americans stand up courageously with Christ to your persecutors and make your louder voice for peace prevail.

"Even the valiant English would understand that in thus acting we, the united 83 per cent are merely at long last exercising our prerogative as a democratic majority. If our letters and our telegrams are not enough, let us represent ourselves personally to the governmental authorities.

"This criminal betrayal of our people at the hands of the few must never be consummated! For indeed, the future of all morality, of confidence in government and the democratic process, hinges on the proof that our people still do the debating and the deciding. Imagine! — the suicidal stupidity of risking our own democracy at home while vainly trying to impose it abroad!

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"It has been said that there are two sides to this question, and our interventionist brethren accuse us of 'ostrich' tactics. To them we would address an appeal in all earnestness: 'What proof have you that your side of the matter is the just one? The American people took your advice 24 years ago and emerged from the chamber of horrors wiser and sadder after Versailles. Now, it is our turn to have our way.'

"Mr. President, I address you humbly and with all the dignity which becomes your high office; in the name of the 83 per cent whose will have been grossly disparaged, also in the name of my spiritual children over whose welfare I am gravely concerned, Mr. President, I respectively address you:

"You have given the people of these United States your solemn pledge that the youth of our land will not be sent to fight in any foreign wars. We choose to believe that the pledge was given unequivocally and without mental reservation of any kind.

"To repudiate that pledge, Mr. President, would be to break down the last vestige of public trust in Government. For if we cannot trust your word, then in whom of our governmental leaders are we to trust? As a Churchman, therefore, I solemnly adjure you not to break faith with our people.

"I realize, Mr. President, the extreme difficulty of your position; for on the one hand you are faced with a small but formidable group who control the economic life-lines of the nation, and on the other — the people. Little people, to be sure, with little power of themselves, but united in peaceful democratic existence behind an impregnable defense, they could constitute an invincible moral weapon with which to beat the very brains out of Communism, Fascism, Naziism and all 'isms' everywhere!

"Take heart, Mr. President! *Free yourself of those who are always attempting to influence you against the majority will.* In this you will most certainly have the united support and acclaim of all our people.

"Their immediate destinies, and the destinies of millions everywhere, at this moment, lie in your powerfully equipped hands. In temporarily surrendering this power, Mr. President, the people expect and have every confidence that you will use it in conformity with your pledges. Yours is indeed the opportunity of a whole era in history. The role of a peacemaker is the role of a true child of God and one appreciated by all mankind save those whose interests dictate war.

"For my part, Mr. President, I would rather go down fighting the cause of peace, suffering any abuse and persecution, than to stand idly by while millions of our youth are prepared for the slaughter.

"I repeat, with the great Prelate of the East, that the continuation of this senseless war truly means the end of our civilization, with complete moral, spiritual, and material collapse at the end of the long road."

America's Trade War

NO MATTER what happens in this war overseas, there will be an economic war in Central and South America. Even before the present war, Great Britain and Germany had planned to invade South America and drive the United States out of those markets.

But it does not follow of necessity that the victory, in any economic war waged between slave and free labor, must be awarded to the "slave economy" of the totalitarians.

All things being equal (which they rarely are) — free labor can out-produce slave labor; and, certainly, it can out-trade it. For slave labor produces no buying power, and buying power is necessary for trade.

America's free labor always has controlled the markets of the world, even in competition with Great Britain's slave labor in the colonies, especially India; and even though the wage slaves worked with British machines.

When two nations, or two continents, produce things which the other must have, trade eventually results, regardless of the feelings these nations or continents might entertain for each other's preferred way of life.

Europe needs us far more than we need Europe.

Even Hitler admits that, after establishing continental Europe as a single productive unit, American products will be more important to Europe than Europe's products would be to us.

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Trade with South America must, necessarily, be divided between Europe and the United States. We can buy Brazil's coffee but not its cotton. Argentina must sell the bulk of its hides, wool and meat to Europe, because the United States produces more of these materials than we need.

There is a wide diversity of interests in South America; and it must be remembered that, before the war, both Great Britain and Germany did a substantial business with South American nations.

Indeed, our country's trade with South America has been inconsequential, except during World War No. 1 and immediately after that war.

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America lost the trade created by war because of the discrepancy between gold and silver, trade barriers, and our lack of interest in Latin American trade.

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The United States must impress the Latin American nations with the fact that they are not forced to choose between Yankee imperialism and European totalitarianism; that the United States has no desire to "monopolize" their export markets; but that we wish to assure the peoples of Latin America a greater economic independence than they have even known heretofore.

If it be considered highly immoral to discuss such venial affairs as trade and finance, in connection with the "four freedoms," which America dreams of exporting to "everybody, everywhere in the world"; then it is well to remember, none-the-less, that if the United States lost all of its trade with South America, it would all still be *less than one-fourth the cost of war for one year!* Not to mention the sacrifice of lives, and the risk to democratic institutions which we fondly hope to preserve in our Western Hemisphere.

Some Observations Inside the East

MR. P. J. SLETTERDAHL, editor of the *Northwest Insurance* publication, retails some observations he made while in Washington, D. C.

His observations are very concrete.

The editor writes:

"Washington is in a state of wildest confusion. It seemed to us that radicals are everywhere inside the officialdom of the Government. Bunglers occupy many of the pivotal positions. Hundreds of political loafers with juicy salaries strut around like barnyard roosters.

"National defense statistics are largely fiction. Bottlenecks are numerous almost beyond tabulation, and incompetency is the worst of them. Money is thrown around as though it were as plentiful as water in the oceans. What a mess will be uncovered when expenditures and procedures of the national defense program are probed in a Congressional investigation!

"Under the smokescreen of emergency, economic screwballs are busy on schemes for the regimentation and regulation of business in the United States. They seem to have strong support inside the administration for their nefarious operations in the pattern of totalitarianism. Plans in process of development call for additional legislation to expand the supreme authority of the Executive branch of the Government to embrace our entire economy and in dictatorial disregard of democratic principles.

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"The clamor for a declaration of war against Germany is hysterical in Washington. Interventionists cannot understand why the people of the country refuse to be stampeded into belligerency. Millions of dollars have been spent for propaganda to arouse the population to a frenzy that overwhelms reason in support of complete involvement in the struggles of power politics overseas. The results have been negative.

"Many interventionists now argue bitterly that President Roosevelt should ignore entirely the majority of the nation and that like a dictator, he ought to override roughshod the wishes of the people.

"The fear of severe inflation is common in business circles throughout the East. Commodity prices have already outrun the efforts of the Government to control them.

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"Business leaders are also disturbed over what may come in the form of taxes in that taxes are likely to be based on the need for revenue in disregard of their economic effects. Congress is inclined to determine taxes from the standpoint of politics rather than equitable distribution. Along such defective procedures the economic machinery of the country cannot escape serious dislocation.

"The situation in Washington is more serious that the majority of the people realize. Wendell Willkie did the nation a tragic disservice when he flopped back into the lap of the New Deal. Loyal opposition to the administration of President Roosevelt is vitally important in the preservation of democracy in the United States.

"Efforts to silence the critics of the New Deal are indefensible except in totalitarian minds. It is folly to believe that national unity requires docile acceptance of everything in the decisions of President Roosevelt."

A Father's Letter

NEWS dispatches last week reported that Mr. Thomas W. Tillery, a rancher of Stauffer, Ventura County, California, had sent the following letter to President Roosevelt:

"My son, Thomas Winslow Tillery, Jr., has just been crushed to death in submarine O-9. He died without a chance to resist in an outdated, unseaworthy craft. His mother and I find little comfort in knowing that the modern products of America's defense effort are being given to a foreign power. Our remaining son becomes eligible for draft in July.

"Tom was a valuable man to his country. For seven years he worked loyally to earn his rating of machinists' mate, first class.

"You, too, have sons who have acquired rank and position in the armed forces. If they are serving on sister ships of the O-9, or are dependent upon obsolete equipment, I beg you, one father to another, transfer them to positions of safety. Then, if we are attacked, they may die honorably in the face of the enemy, rather than helplessly at the hands of their own Government."

Archbishop Spellman and Eucharistic Congress

HIS EXCELLENCY, Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York, was one of several speakers at the Eucharistic Congress held recently at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Among other things, he said: "The real peace program has ten points and these points are the *Ten Commandments.* The world has lost peace because these *Commandments* were flouted; and it can regain peace only through their observance and ascendancy. Before they can be observed in the world or in a nation they must be observed by individuals. They must be observed by ourselves."

The *Ten Commandments,* as we know, pre-existed Christianity. Originally they were written upon the fleshly tablets of the human heart.

When hearts became calloused and men became pagans, Almighty God had the *Ten Commandments* written upon tablets of stone which He gave to Moses who, in turn, promulgated them amongst the Jews.

The *Ten Commandments* were and are, in their last analysis, ten expressions of the natural law.

It is our contention that the natural law, due to fallen nature, is not sufficient for peace in the world.

In fact, Christ came to establish a supernatural law and gave us a "new Commandment," as He termed it—an Eleventh Commandment, as it were.

It is: *"Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with thy whole heart, thy whole mind, thy whole strength, and thy neighbor as thyself. This do and thou shalt live."*

And to promulgate this Commandment, Christ laid down His life for us, established a supernatural method of life for us, and insisted that we become members of the organization which He founded and which the Holy Ghost established on Pentecost Sunday.

To be baptized and to believe in Him were laid down as conditions.

Thus, Christianity goes further in its obligations than was expressed explicitly by the *Ten Commandments.*

Christianity gives us Christ, True God and True Man.

And Christ gives us the way, the truth and the life.

"Without Me you can do nothing," were Christ's words.

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We are glad that Archbishop Spellman included in his appropriate address these words: "It is to the Sacred Heart today that we offer prayers and sacrifices that God will yet save men and nations from the livid juggernaut of war's lava of cruelty and carnage, belching forth from volcanos of hatred and greed, destroying and burying our civilization."

Incidentally, Bishop James H. Ryan of Omaha inveighed against Naziism—according to the report in the *New York Times.*

On reading the excerpt of the Bishop's speech printed in the *New York Times,* His Excellency did more than inveigh against Naziism—a fact which the reporter failed to report. He attacked "the brutal dictatorships which have been foisted upon so many nations"—and this included Communism.

He attacked State-ism, totalitarianism and the Slave State—all of which could comprehend the movements in England and the United States towards dictatorship.

Fr. Coughlin's Sermon

(Delivered at Benediction Service, Sunday afternoon, June 29.)

I SAY, my friends, that a sensible priest counts not his conquests of brick and mortar; counts not his achievement in natural science; counts not his success in climbing the social ladder; counts not his genius for moving vast audiences. The successful priest—and the humble priest — counts only the souls that he has led to God. In our own minds he says: "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul." "What doth it profit a priest if he conquers the whole world and fails to save souls?"

I hope, my friends, that those ideas are not merely academic in my mind. I trust that I have lived long enough during this span of a quarter of a century in the ministry of Christ to have made them a concrete part of my life.

As a matter of record, there are few priests in the world who have enjoyed the publicity which I have enjoyed.

As a matter of record, there are few priests in the world who have had the opportunity to speak to such large audiences as have I. And as a matter of record there are few priests in the world who have had the circumstances wherewith to build a temple of God such as have I. I would not be humble did I not mention these things. But I do mention them to put them in their proper place; for all of them are insignificant compared to one baptism that it was my privilege to perform; compared to one "*Ego absolvo*" that it was my privilege to pronounce; compared to one "*Hoc est enim corpus meum*" that it was my privilege to speak.

I would remind you on this occasion of my Silver Jubilee that those priests who have lived through the years circumscribed by 1891 and 1941 have been priests who were cast into the mold of Leo XIII and Pius XI.

Many of you are intimately acquainted with the names of Messrs. Ford, Kettering, Edison and those geniuses who have made our nation famous. You know these men belonged to our day.

There was a day when such men were not known. There was a day when mass production machinery was not known. There was a day when the struggle between capital and labor was not known.

It was not until the beginning of the 19th century when power production machinery came to upset the even tenor of our grandparents' lives.

Mass production machinery was a benediction. But with its coming, came the industrial revolution.

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Clever men like Karl Marx in 1848 saw what was impending. He analyzed the revolution that was in the offing unless men changed their ideas. He indicted those who owned the machinery because they were not paying sufficient wages to the unorganized masses of working men. Having done that, he suggested remedies which, if followed, would have led to Manicheism; into a volcano of destruction.

Following Karl Marx, in 1891 came Leo XIII. Blessed with a keener mind; blessed with the faith of Jesus Christ, Leo XIII found the same abuses and suggested Christian remedies.

I say that all priests who have been in the vineyard of the Lord since 1891, either as pre-priests or as actual priests, necessarily fell into this mold of thinking introduced by Leo XIII in his *Rerum Novarum*.

Thus, it was my lot to play a priestly part in this great industrial revolution. One time I found myself fighting against international capitalism because of its abuses, at another time I was fighting against international Marxism, because it suggested diabolical remedies for the economic abuses of the day. There were two opponents—one the left wing, and the other, the right wing of the same bird of prey who sought the destruction of men redeemed by the blood of Christ.

You think for a moment that I should be proud of the part I have played in my endeavors to propagate the Christian Science of social justice? No, I am not proud of that. Were I proud of it I would be a fool. I am only proud of the fact that, during these years, I tried to stand by the cross of Christ and keep true to the faith no matter what it cost.

I gladly mention these things because you expect me to comment upon the motif of my priestly life. But in speaking of those things I am sensible enough and Christian enough to realize that not one priest in the United States of America would have failed to do as did I had he been afforded the same opportunities that God, in His Providence, afforded to me.

I had a man named George A. Richards for a friend, and they had not. That was God's doing. (George A. Richards was the owner of a radio station.)

I had a man named Leo Fitzpatrick as a friend. They had not. Leo Fitzpatrick was the president of the American Association of Broadcasters.

I could mention more influential persons particularly, the name of Michael James Gallagher, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Detroit who had become most expert in social science during and following his stay at Innsbruck.

I make mention of these providential circumstances to show that I am merely a child of circumstance.

Had any other priest been blessed with those circumstances he would have done the same, if not better.

Let us be sensible, for after all someone has defined humility as truth. Not less than truth; not more than truth. Not exaggeration. Just truth.

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So we are still engaged in this contest of Christianity against the world; not against merely this or that political party in America, not merely against the Fascism of Italy; not merely against the Naziism of Germany; not merely against the Communism of Moscow; but against the world!

Against the world! "*My kingdom is not of this world*" said Christ.

My brethren, we are in the world and not of the world!

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In this church we have four great pillars. On each pillar is inscribed a symbol of one of the four cardinal virtues—Prudence, Justice, Temperance and Fortitude.

You know it is unfortunate when a generation of men emphasize one of those cardinal virtues at the expense of minimizing the other three. In our day we have so emphasized the virtue of prudence that our late Pius XI was forced to denounce the policy of criminal prudence.

Indeed, we have neglected justice—giving God His due—while we have been demanding that man have his due.

Men are willing to make sacrifices for the material gains to be made. Men are willing to stand in picket lines; willing to see their wives and children suffer in order to gain some passing objective. But where is their fortitude for the principles and practices of Christianity?

The priesthood in America is a sensible priesthood. The priesthood in America tries to build the supernatural life, not upon one cardinal virtue, but upon the four cardinal virtues.

Our life is a supernatural life, not a contra-natural life. Our life is built upon nature elevated; not elevated by man, but elevated by God Who gave us grace to do the things required of those who live in a supernatural sphere.

Priests rejoice that they share a common priesthood in Jesus Christ; that they "go forth to teach all nations" under the guidance of Christ's vicar—the Pope.

I recollect what his Late Holiness Pius XI said regarding this great issue before us today. While Europe is engaged in war; while all Asia is engaged in war; while Africa is engaged in war, America is still outside the orbit of a shooting war.

One week ago we had little chance of keeping out of a shooting war. Today we have every chance. Why? Because in the Providence of God, Hitler declared war against Stalin.

Pius XI is on record in saying that "See to it, Venerable Brethren that the faithful do not allow themselves to be deceived. Communism is intrinsically wrong and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any manner whatsoever."

In other words, our way has now been made clear by Pius XI, the great visible representative of Jesus Christ. Our way has been defined when, in the fullness of time, he forebade us to support Communism in any manner whatsoever because it is an intrinsic evil.

I ask you, as a priest participating in *Christ's* priesthood and as a priest subject in obedience, may I direct you to pay taxes to a government which expends that money to supply munitions to Russia?

May you support a government that says "all out for Russia"?

If there are some who think they know more than the Pope, let them join those who have joined the Communists with their all-out aid.

On that point, the question is now clear.

I congratulate you, my friends, because you, too, participate in my priesthood in a peculiar manner. You are the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. That is true. But more than that, in one sense, each one of you is another Jesus Christ. They say a priest is an *Alter Christus*. I say a layman is another Christ. For Christ has made you His Vicars, thus affording to all of us an opportunity of serving Christ by serving each other.

If I love you, I love Christ. If I give you a drink of cold water in His name, I have given unto Him.

"GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY"

CONTEST PERIOD OPENS

$400 IN EXTRA PRIZES FOR SUBS OBTAINED IN NEXT 4 WEEKS

The second period of activity in our great *"JUBILEE" Contest* opened on July 1 — and will run until July 28. We shall call it the "Golden Opportunity" Period, because it affords both to new contestants and to those already entered a wondrous chance to sail forward to final Victory when the Contest closes on August 26.

During this "Golden Opportunity" Period, which runs from July 1 to July 28, all new subscriptions of one year or more will earn the handsome Bonus of 30,000 Extra Votes. This is the highest number of Extra Votes on individual subscriptions which will be offered for the remainder of the campaign.

In addition, we are offering FIVE SPECIAL PRIZES to those active contestants who turn in the largest amount of NEW SUBSCRIPTION MONEY during this second contest period.

The sum of these Special Cash Prizes is $400.00 and will be awarded as follows:

The contestant who sends in the largest amount of NEW SUBSCRIPTION MONEY during this period will receive immediately $150.00.

The contestant sending in the second largest amount will win $80.00.

The man or woman, boy or girl, who ranks third during the period will be awarded at once $70.00.

The active contestant to come in fourth will receive $60.00. And the fifth, $40.00.

These Special Prizes will be awarded and paid immediately after the close of this "GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY" Period, although names of winners will not be announced until after the campaign closes on August 26.

Every person in the Contest now, or one who enters during this period, is eligible for these SPECIAL CASH PRIZES. Of course, no business turned in before July 1 will count for these prizes. They are strictly for business done and turned in during this period.

KEEP THIS FACT IN MIND: ALL OF THE SUBSCRIPTIONS TURNED IN ON THIS OFFER OF SPECIAL PRIZES APPLY AS CREDIT TO CONTESTANTS ON THE BIG GRAND PRIZES TO BE AWARDED AT THE CLOSE OF THE CONTEST.

And, to find out what this could mean to you, read over the most excellent list of prizes on the opposite page.

If you have entered this great Contest, and have not yet "hit your stride," now is the time to start. The Contest is still young. There is no contestant yet who could not be overtaken by an energetic, fast-acting "live wire" who is now in the "lower brackets."

Why, it is altogether possible for you to enter this Contest right now and come out winner of the Grand Prize of $2,500.00 — that is, if you have not already entered.

This Contest will not close until August 26. Between now and then, anything can happen. Contestants at the bottom of the ladder today could be hovering around the top one month from now. And vice versa. Those contestants with perseverance and energy will win. Therefore, develop that perseverance and energy today.

Get in and help to make this "JUBILEE" Campaign — conducted as a tribute to Father Coughlin — the great success it deserves to be.

Get in now and work for the Special Prizes. By doing this you will be piling up your final vote which will determine the big prizes.

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This list is rushed into print in order that you may see whether or not one of your friends is in the Contest. If so, help him or her to win — and start to help right away.

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Mrs. Jos. A. Glynn, Janesville — 35,000
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Jos. W. Davis, Webster — 35,000

NEBRASKA

Mrs. J. A. Shearman, Omaha — 35,000

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Miss B. Molloy, Astoria, L. I. — 35,000
John Neville, Bronx — 35,000
Miss Mary H. Owens, Flushing — 35,000
Mabel Peck, Albany — 35,000
Stephan Sticher, New York City — 35,000
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Mrs. E. W. Leppla, University Heights — 35,000
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Felix Fava, Pittsburgh — 35,000
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Mrs. John Sullivan, Garrett Hill — 35,000

RHODE ISLAND

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Susan Hahn, Grafton — 35,000
Joseph Wm. Rebholz, Milwaukee — 35,000

RULES OF THE CONTEST

1. Any man or woman over 16 years of age, excepting employees or close relatives of employees of SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine may become a contestant. The management reserves the right to reject objectionable nominations.

2. Any contestant may enter from the district in which he or she resides or from the district in which he or she is employed.

3. Contestants are not confined to their own district in which to obtain votes and subscriptions, but may take orders anywhere, and anyone may assist them. Contestants must make a cash report during each of the final two weeks of the contest.

4. Votes are not transferable from one active contestant to another active contestant. Contestants cannot withdraw in favor of other active contestants; nor can contestants give or transfer subscriptions to another contestant.

5. Votes will be issued on paid-in-advance subscriptions (new or renewal) for SOCIAL JUSTICE, including nomination coupons and free votes.

6. A NEW subscriber is one who was not taking SOCIAL JUSTICE by mail when the contest was announced. Votes are issued, subject to verification. Contestants who turn in old (or renewal) subscriptions marked "new" may forfeit votes received on such subscriptions.

7. No statement, assertion or promise, either written or verbal, made by any of the solicitors, agents, contestants or any other person, other than published in SOCIAL JUSTICE, will be recognized by the publishers or the contest management.

8. It is distinctly understood and agreed that all contestants will be responsible for all moneys collected, and that they will remit such amounts in full on schedule at frequent intervals, or on demand to the contest department.

9. Prizes are to be delivered to the winners as soon as the official judges announce the results of the contest. In case of a tie for any prizes the tying contestants will receive duplicate prizes or their equivalents.

10. The publishers reserve the right to place additional prizes on the list.

11. A cash commission of 10 per cent on all business done is guaranteed every participant. Cash commissions will be paid each candidate at the end of the Second Period and at the close of the contest. However, cash commissions paid will be charged against whatever grand prize the contestant may win, and must be liquidated or deducted from the final grand prize at the end. Contestants may not deduct commissions before sending in subscription money.

12. The contest opens at once and closes on August 26, 1941.

13. Any questions or controversies that may arise are to be settled by the Contest Manager, and his decision will be final and conclusive.

14. In case of typographical or other error, it is understood that neither the publisher nor the Contest management shall be held responsible, except for the necessary correction of same.

15. In accepting entrance, all candidates agree to abide by all the rules and conditions named; and to abide by the decisions of the judges as final.

Here's What Winners Get

FIRST GRAND PRIZE	$2,500
Second Grand Prize	1,500
Third Grand Prize	1,250
Fourth Grand Prize	750
Fifth Grand Prize	650
Sixth Grand Prize	550
Seventh Grand Prize	400
Eighth Grand Prize	300
100 Additional Grand Prizes	1,000
27 Special Cash Prizes	1,100
TOTAL CASH PRIZES	$10,000

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_____, 1941

Contest Manager,
SOCIAL JUSTICE,
Royal Oak, Michigan.

Please enter my name as a Contestant in your "JUBILEE" Contest. I understand this Blank filled out and sent in will entitle me to 5,000 Votes and that my first yearly subscription, old or new, will entitle me to 20,000 Votes.

My Name Is _____

My Address Is _____

City or Town _____ *State* _____

ONLY ONE OF THESE COUPONS WILL BE CREDITED TO A CONTESTANT.

Comment

A British Banker Exposes the System

A REMARKABLE BOOK — by a former Governor of the Bank of England — exposing the fraud and deceit of the money system Great Britain is fighting to preserve, is reviewed in a recent issue of the *Standard* of Dublin, Ireland.

The author, Vincent C. Vickers, held the Governorship of the Bank of England from 1910 to 1919, was a director of the famous Vickers-Armstrong armament firm for 22 years, and also a director of the London Assurance Company until a few months before his death in 1939

His book, entitled *Economic Tribulation*, is reviewed by the Rev. P. Coffey, Ph.D., who describes it as a "sort of testament during his (the author's) last illness, having no axe to grind and no desire except to contribute to the welfare of humanity by telling what he knew to be the truth."

Many persons still protest that they find it difficult to believe in the existence of "a world-wide money monopoly which has strangled industry, fomented wars, and aims in the near future to rivet its shackles even more firmly on a 'Federal Union' of war-weary peoples," Father Coffey writes.

The review then continues:

"Well, this author ought to know what he is talking about, and he is only re-echoing the words of the late Pope Pius XI when he assures us that it is a fact

" 'The money supply and the management of the money system are almost entirely outside the control of the Government and are operated by an outside individual, section of the community, working for profit and possessing a virtual monopoly of lending credit to the community at high interest — a credit based on the community's own money; this indeed being the only means, under the existing system, of distributing such credit as may be available, so that goods may continue to change hands and so that those in need of money can borrow the use of it, provided they are 'credit-worthy' borrowers. Above and beyond this we discover that, in the progress of time and through our own base carelessness and ignorance, we have permitted the money industry, by the very virtue of its business, gradually to attain *a political and economic influence so wide and powerful that it has actually undermined the authority of the State and usurped the power of democratic government.*' " (p. 62)

Remember the Pope saying that we almost cannot breathe without its permission!

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Here are just a few of the things that this dying bank director discloses in his book:

That the banking system "is actively harmful to the State, creates poverty and unemployment, and is the root cause of war" (p. 12): that "the experts have hopelessly failed" (p. 20); that we need "a complete change in the relationship between the supply of money and the supply of goods" (p. 26); that since "production is dependent on the purchasing power of consumers (the producer's) first consideration should be the capacity of the consumer to absorb his production, and *not*, first of all, the capacity of his works to produce at the lowest possible price and to sell at the highest possible price" (p. 29); that, as regards the so-called Gold Standard, "it was never remotely possible (and never will or can be) to exchange the note issue for an equal number of sovereigns" (p. 31); that, as regards the orthodox 'Inflation' bogey "the word *Reflation* was coined in order that orthodox economists should not have their delicate digestions upset by being made to eat their own words" (p. 33); that 'sound finance' "means nothing at all" and "is merely a sort of banker's slogan adopted to disguise the injustices of the credit system" (p. 33); that this system "entails that there should exist at all times a demand for credit and currency which normally exceeds the supply, and prescribes that *there should be no reform and no legislation* which might deprive the money industry of the natural and interested advantage of *its monopoly* or of *its existing policy*" (p. 34); that the disastrous boom and slump Trade Cycle, so far from being an 'unaccountable phenomenon' is one of the "great features of the present monetary system [whose controllers] grow rich upon the ups and downs of trade, and are largely dependent on variations and changes of the price level of commodities" (p. 35); that "the exchange broker lives, not upon exchange, but upon movements and alterations of exchange" (p. 41); that "the merchant banker lives upon exports and imports and has little interest in home production or the home market" (p. 41); that "mankind today is capable of producing far more than mankind can consume" (p. 49); . . . and yet "we are confronted with the undeniable fact that the chaotic state of the world is due to the inability of consumers to use the world's ability to produce (because) the consumer has not enough of money! . . . that (therefore) the health and welfare of the individual, the happiness of the community, the contentment of the nation, and the peace of the world, are mainly, *if not entirely a monetary problem.*" (p. 50)

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Father Coffey's review then offers the following wise caution: "But, let there be no mistake about this: that any and every attempt at genuine reform will be up against an *exceedingly clever and skilled and unscrupulous world-power*, a power that will not hesitate to offset every such effort by sponsoring sham reforms."

Witness the Federal Reserve set-up in our own country, passed in the name of "Government control" and "money reform" and sometimes cited as fulfillment of the New Deal pledge to drive the money changers from the temple!

The English reviewer concludes: "It is up to the public to get instruction, enlightenment, and direction on at least the fundamental requirements of a sane money system, which are notably lacking in the one that has brought such misery upon all the nations. The public will get much food for thought, and no platitudes, in the eighty pages of *Economic Tribulation*."

Miracle No. 2 —A La Jesse Jones

LAST WEEK we cited Miracle No. 1 — *a la Chicago Tribune*.

This ultra-conservative — though anti-New Deal — newspaper admitted in so many words that money is a racket in the United States of America

This week, we record a corroboration of that statement coming from no less a personage than Jesse Jones.

Speaking of the "money racket" (June 23), he said: *"The game might be broken up if the people knew the truth!"*

Unfortunately, many people do not know the truth.

Unfortunately, there is crass ignorance on the part of those who should know the truth.

To the credit of the *Chicago Tribune*, the Jones story is printed in its June 24th issue:

Appearing before the Rivers and Harbors Committee, the Secretary of Commerce Jesse H. Jones, expressed his views in complete candor.

When he completed his direct statement, members of the Committee began to question him about the expected effects resultant from our huge spending program.

These members — all Congressmen — have been under fire via the mail bag, directed by their constituents to protest against the staggering taxation revealed last week.

Mr. Jones said: "Taxpayers will begin to squirm next year over 1941 tax bills because they are going to be high — and higher the following year

Joshua J. Johns, Republican Congressman from Wisconsin, asked Mr. Jones how much debt the nation could stand.

"A few years ago," answered Mr. Jones, "none of us thought we could stand a $45-billion debt. But as the debt increases, conditions change, and I think the country can absorb anything it would have to spend.

"It may be necessary to go to the people and take the money away from them." Secretary Jones said

"Well, what are we going to do with the money?" asked Representative Johns. "The banks are full of it now. Loans are being made at ridiculous rates now, and the bankers holler but they still buy Government bonds."

Representative George Bender of Ohio then remarked that "the banks are full of IOU's and the Government can't pay them until we levy more taxes. When are we going to tell the taxpayers the whole story and be frank and tell them the cost of the things we are undertaking?" asked Mr. Bender.

"We are telling them every day by increasing their taxes." Jones replied.

"The trouble is that no one knows where the money is coming from," he said. "Greater taxes, of course, are in order"

"The game might be broken up if the people knew the truth." said Jones, smiling.

"My experience has been that when a fellow is opposed to something he can find a great many reasons to be against it and when he is for it, he can find many reasons to be for it."

Indeed, the people soon will know the story. Will it be too late? Will knowledge come only with the loss of liberty?

Franklin D. Roosevelt had an opportunity to drive the money changers out of the temple.

He is now engaged in using the temple as a barricade to protect them

It seems to us that on March 4, 1933, the thrice-elected President said something about driving the money changers from the temple.

Comment

Bishop Gerald Shaughnessy

IT IS regrettable that Bishop Gerald Shaughnessy of Seattle, Washington, is not twins or, better still, quintuplets.

He is certainly an ornament to the Catholic hierarchy in America and will long be remembered by those outside his own diocese for being so "undiplomatic" as to plead for peace in these days when so many others are pussy-footing for war.

Recently, His Excellency condemned all propaganda and efforts of selfish groups tending to involve the United States in European war.

Moreover, he warned the Government to keep hands off the womanhood of America and to abandon its program of female conscription.

These remarks were passed at a convention which "approved a resolution condemning the plan of conscription as entirely opposed to Christian teaching and abhorrent to Christian concepts of the proper place of women in the scheme of life."

The Diocesan Council also sent to President Roosevelt a resolution "that we condemn all propaganda and efforts of selfish groups that tend to involve the United States in European affairs and wars."

Bishop Shaughnessy brought up the issue of conscription of women after referring to a "strange calumny" that survives despite repeated denials to the effect that the Church holds woman in a position of inferiority. He called it a strange paradox that such a charge should be made, since "prior to the coming of Christ woman was a slave, a plaything for man's brute animality, nothing else."

Christianity, the Bishop continued, "has given to men and women, to the whole human race a new dignity and to each individual a priceless personal equality of soul, equality of goal, equality before Almighty God."

"Recently," continued His Excellency, "there was sent up a trial balloon. It was a practice to send up trial balloons to test the air and the winds and figuratively trial balloons are launched to ascertain public sentiment. There have been many within the last few months. But this trial balloon suggested that the time has arrived in our country when womanhood should be conscripted and enlisted, much in the same way as the conscription of men, to serve in national defense or as the case may be, in war.

"In the old pagan days women like the Amazons carried shields and spears, fought, suffered, killed and died like men. The most striking modern instance of this conscription of women was and is in Soviet Russia. The practice has also been adopted in Germany and in England. Woman is torn from her home, the young woman from her office, her school room and sent into the factory, the fields, even into the armed camp, anywhere the nation determines it wants her.

"The trial balloon suggests such a policy for us, and for this nation to adopt such a course would be to move more rapidly on the downward path that for many years the human race has been treading and that leads to degradation.

"The road to dictatorship is ready, it only remains to cut the red ribbon that keeps it shut; it only remains to abandon our Christian concepts, our Christian ideals, and we are well upon it.

"Don't laugh off this trial balloon. Don't say it means nothing, that it is just the suggestion of some irresponsible person, possessed of no grasp of truth. Don't be like your fellow Catholics in other nations, who laughed off the warnings and who awoke to find their liberties and their rights swept away.

"The forces of evil, unless fought with determination and persistence, are able to turn the fulcrum that has brought dictatorships into being. Strike at the danger when you see it. Fight against this evil, evil thing, which would soil the bodies of women, contaminate their minds, send them into the abyss of slavery and degradation from which Christ rescued them. Watch, protest, proclaim our principles; strive to the utmost to destroy this danger.

"To a policy that would conscript our women, the answer is NO! a thousand times NO! It shall be 'no' as long as the Democratic processes of government form our rule."

Walter's Arithmetic

A CORRESPONDENT sends us a clipping of Winchell's column in the *Buffalo Evening News* (June 12), in which the columnist tips his readers off on a Hitler hide-out in South America.

Says the column: "It is said to be a 50-acre estate, and the front gate is two miles from the main house, which, above ground, is a plain white building. The building underground is five stories deep."

Now if you can get anything two miles from anywhere else on a 50-acre estate, you're good; in fact, you ought to be writing a New York gossip column.

Of course, the logical explanation is that some of the figures are wrong; why not the facts, too?

French Isle Seizure New War 'Bogey'

THE war-mongers have created another bogey to scare the American people into belligerency. The interventionists maintain there is grave danger that Hitler will occupy the French islands off South America and thus menace the Western Hemisphere.

This newest scare attempt is in line with the horrific pictures of New York City being reduced to ruins by trans-oceanic Nazi bombers, and the Panama Canal blown up to render the quick transfer of our one-ocean navy impossible.

"For all we know," says Colonel Donovan, "the Nazis may have already established naval bases in Martinique and Guadeloupe. It is inevitable that Hitler will finally seize the Azores and occupy Dakar, and thus, outflank us in the South Atlantic. So, therefore, America must jump right into the war and seize these islands before the Nazis seize them; and establish our naval and air bases on these islands before the Germans can do the same."

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Now, Mr. Roosevelt is known to be resentful of the pressure being put upon him by the "war now" *clique*. The Chief Executive blames this fanatical "war now" group for the public opposition to his own plans for the war. The President already has indicated his displeasure to powerful British propaganda sources which are creating daily incidents to push America into the war.

Whether or not the Vichy government grants Hitler the right to occupy the Atlantic islands is of minor consequence. There is not the slightest doubt that any attempt to establish bases on the French islands or in the Azores would result in a declaration of war by the United States. Hitler has a perfect understanding of this fact. And there is no more indication now than there was at the outset of the war that Germany intends to do anything to provoke the United States into war.

On the other hand, the United States can seize Martinique, or any other possessions in this hemisphere, whenever such a move is necessary or useful.

The United States has announced a "good neighbor" policy for the South American nations, and these countries have already been warned that this Government intends to establish air and naval bases throughout the Western Hemisphere; so that the U.S.A. can control all the countries of the hemisphere in a military federation.

There is a great division of public opinion over whether America should fight on the side of Britain to preserve its vast trading empire in Asia and Africa; but there is no question at all over whether America would fight as a unit if any power, anywhere, in violation of the *Monroe Doctrine* seized French possessions in this hemisphere.

But no nation, or combination of nations in Europe, possesses enough shipping to carry out a successful invasion of the Western Hemisphere. If Germany were to utilize its own entire fleet, the decimated Italian fleet, the smashed French fleet and the entire British fleet — Hitler still could not carry out an invasion of the Western Hemisphere which would have any chance of success.

Air war and "blitz" invasion were successful in Europe, notably in the Balkans and Crete, only because bases of operations had been established at points within a few hundred miles from the countries about to be attacked.

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These ardent interventionists never mention the appalling problems with which America is now faced in the course of establishing an adequate national defense, as a first step for creating an efficient offensive arm. On the contrary, their strategy is to divert attention from domestic problems which endanger the national defense — such as, unemployment, taxes, slums, labor strikes, technocracy, profiteering and political corruption.

Of course, we hear nothing from these war-mongers about applying the idealistic "four freedoms" to ourselves before undertaking to impose them on the rest of the world.

Certainly our South American neighbors —dictatorships all — do not appreciate our crusade to impose the four freedoms upon them, thus to destroy the dictatorship regimes for which they have shown a preference.

Although we have had proposed to us an all-out union with Britain, patterned after the union suggested by Churchill to Reynaud on the eve of France's collapse, no one dares to propose such an "alliance" with the nations of South America; even though the interests of our hemisphere are supposed to be inseparable.

The fact is that these countries of South America are as jealous of their sovereignties as are the people of the United States.

Letters

SOCIAL JUSTICE aims to make this page a free forum and readers' opinions are invited. Naturally the views expressed are not always those of this magazine. We cannot guarantee that contributions sent to SOCIAL JUSTICE can be returned to the writers. Letters not signed with the writer's name and address cannot be considered, although the name will not necessarily be used We reserve the right to publish all letters received unless contrary instruction is specifically given.

Let's Call It U.S.A.!

TO THE EDITOR:

So much has been said about *"God Save America"* and all the emphasis placed on "American" activity and co-operation in this and that and what not, that it is a good idea now to say something about the much neglected good old United States again.

It seems almost beyond our memory when the words United States appeared in print or in conversation.

Propaganda apparently has an intentional purpose not to refer to this country by its proper name if that can be avoided.

Most all of the present Administration officials no longer refer to their native country as the "United States" but call it "America."

Why?

Let's put the United States on the map again!

— W.F.M.

Chicago, Ill.

People Are Sold Out

TO THE EDITOR:

Under date of June 2, Senator Nye spoke at the Milwaukee Auditorium before a crowd which the newspapers estimated at 7,000, sponsored by the America First Committee.

Senator Nye told the meeting that he had been fifteen years on the Appropriation Committee and, during all his experience he saw Senators who fought for hours, days and sometimes weeks against a billion-dollar appropriation for the American people, sometimes only a $100-million, as it would "bankrupt the nation" — it would "affect the price of our dollar," or "cause inflation and bankruptcy"

But, when it came time for these same Senators to vote on appropriation of the *Lend-Lease Bill*, totaling $7-billion to give to the British Empire they would become embittered if opposed by Senators who were rebuked and looked upon as un-American.

People hear so much of a "powerful group" which makes up the war party. They appear to be more powerful than the people and their elected Representatives.

Anyone with an ounce of intelligence knows that this little group which represents the "invisible government" could not mistreat, ignore the wishes of 130-million people and destroy representative government or push us into a European, African and Asiatic war which is against our welfare, peace and prosperity, and which will impoverish our nation and destroy our form of government.

This little group could not do all this without accomplices. They have *touts who pretend to be your friends to sell you and your organization out to them!* You pay fees and dues to have them do that to you. They are the leaders by self-appointment.

— A Subscriber.

Milwaukee, Wis.

Life in Washington

TO THE EDITOR:

We have been moving around quite a lot lately and for that reason I haven't been receiving our SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine regularly, but some Sundays we managed to purchase it outside church.

Rents here in our nation's capital are unreasonably high, and housing conditions are far worse than I have seen in my home city, New York, which is said to be the slummiest.

The garbage and rubbish disposing facilities are outmoded and I think a disgrace to the Capitol city of our United States.

Some time ago I read an article in SOCIAL JUSTICE about the unhealthy and unlivable housing quarters here. While I didn't doubt SOCIAL JUSTICE, I didn't really know, as I do now, and I think SOCIAL JUSTICE underestimated the deplorable state of the poor in Washington, D. C.

It is only the rich, or those with high salaries, who can enjoy half way decent living conditions, and many, many Government employes do not receive adequate salaries, as most of the people outside the Government think.

— Mrs. C.W.

Washington, D. C.

Another 'Investigation'

TO THE EDITOR:

As an American born citizen of the United States of America and a reader of SOCIAL JUSTICE, I am in complete favor of the suppression and expulsion of all propaganda agents of any foreign government in our United States of America at the present time, but I do not believe that SOCIAL JUSTICE should give any praise to the hypocritical Martin Dies Committee while that committee fails to investigate and expose the pro-British fifth-columnists.

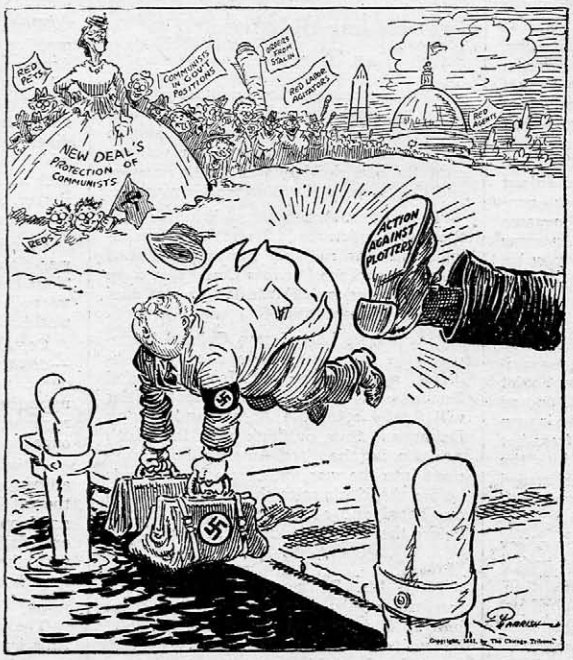
British propaganda agents in our United States of America have done more harm to destroy our Government and push our United States of America into their foreign war than any group of Nazi, Fascist or Communists in our United States at the present time.

I believe that SOCIAL JUSTICE should expose the Martin Dies Committee if that committee will not investigate and expose British propaganda in our United States.

— J.P.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Still Plenty of Kicking to Be Done!



U. S. Could Be Leader for Peace

TO THE EDITOR:

I wonder why nobody in this country cared when Japan, with the all-out aid of U.S.A., spread death and destruction over unhappy China, while today, after Japan joined the Axis, we weep bitter tears over the fate of China and open our "arsenal of democracy" to a country which, over night, has been advanced to the rank of a "democracy" and "sister republic."

I wonder why we demand freedom for Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, etc., from Nazi oppression, but do not care for the freedom of India, South Africa, Egypt, Iraq, Palestine, Hong Kong, etc., and 500-million human beings enslaved by Great Britain. Or is everything sacred which has been done, and is being done, by noble England including the killing of a thousand Frenchmen in the brutal attack on the French fleet in Oran?

I wonder why our headlines always trumpet forth the exploits of the Royal Air Force, the British navy, the heroic resistance of the English, but arrogantly refer to the people of Japan as "Japs" and flood the front pages with such silly headlines as: "Nazi ship sunk," "Nazi sailors arrested," "Nazi coast raided," and "Nazi bombs" and "Nazi food" and "Nazi hordes" in sickening monotony.

I wonder why Germany is accused of sinister plans to dominate the world, including the Americas, while we accept the reality of British world domination as a sacred and inviolable institution.

I wonder why British propagandists by the dozens are allowed to travel freely and agitate in all the 48 states while Germans are arrested or deported.

I wonder why the film factories in Hollywood produce no anti-Soviet or anti-Japanese pictures, but swamp the country with anti-Nazi films.

I wonder why the millions are collected and jobs provided — often in preference to Americans — for the so-called refugees who invade this country in an endless stream, while the millions of immigrants who came to this country twenty, thirty and forty years ago had to rely on their own ability and resources or good luck or went down in misery.

And so I keep wondering when this hypocrisy, hysteria, falsehood and fanaticism will give way to an impartial, realistic and fair conception of world politics; when this pro-Britishism will give way to true Americanism; and when this country, instead of being an arsenal of war for the whole world, will become the most powerful force for peace, understanding and reconciliation among all nations.

— A.J.W.

New York, N. Y.

Letters

General Strike or Revolution

TO THE EDITOR:

The method used to kill democracy in Germany can be used to kill it here. When a strike becomes general, it ceases to be a strike—it is a revolution. It is the method that social democracy of Karl Marx uses to deliver representative democracy to bureaucratic satraps. Something is in the wind!

England and America failed to lend a helping hand to the tottering German Republic and muffed their opportunity to do something for democracy in Germany. Hence we are inconsistent when we denounce Germans for going totalitarian. From our bad faith, one would believe that democracy is a blessing to be enjoyed by all but Germans.

A general strike was used to elevate Communism in Russia. Why it failed to achieve the same result in Germany was explained by Dr. Abram Sachar, professor of modern history at the University of Illinois, who said: "The social democratic leaders needed only to call a general strike. Without firing a single shot, they could have stopped Hitler in his course. If they had been wise enough to ask 7-million men to lay down their tools, the men would have done so."

Nothing happens to a democracy as long as it is able to take care of itself. This generation is no longer fit for self-government if it hasn't brains enough to understand that the general strike, following in the wake of all-out regimentation and control of our lives and destiny, is the method used by social democracy to suppress expression of the popular will and that the ballot is the method used by representative democracy to express the national will.

Democratic institutions are destroyed by attack from within, not from without.

—H.D.K.

Kansas City, Mo.

Starve the War!

TO THE EDITOR:

Any individual who has studied and reviewed history knows that no war was ever fought over principles, ideals, civilization or democracy. All were fought for commercial supremacy.

Knowing this then, why fight for a group of high financiers who claw each other for control of the world's wealth and use us whom they've kept in sublime ignorance, exploited, swindled, impoverished and dragged into degradation to help them get it?

I say and say it without equivocation starve the war and adequately feed America, and by so doing not only end war but avoid thereby a world Armageddon which will destroy civilization.

Furthermore, what a farce it is to accuse European and Asian countries of breaking solemn promises when Great Britain, France, America and others have done likewise.

Enemies of peace are not all in European or Asian countries, they are right here and are those who refuse to relinquish vested interests.

The word empire is connected with a history of horror and slaughter and only when it is removed from our vocabulary can we inaugurate an actual fundamental democracy under which we the under-privileged, downtrodden people will be able to emancipate ourselves from these unfeeling and fawning rich and obtain, therewith, liberty, freedom and justice for all mankind upon this, the American continent.

Chicago, Ill. —E.C.E.

The Woman Is Right!

TO THE EDITOR:

Claudia Procul, wife of Pontius Pilate, warned her husband not to do anything unjust to that Just Man.

Events proved that the politician was wrong and the woman right.

Again, it is up to the women to warn the war-mongers that our sons will not be slaughtered to satisfy certain refugees for a dishonest war.

Events will again prove the politician was wrong and the woman right.

Elyria, Ohio. —F.M.

Who Are the Dupes?

TO THE EDITOR:

As early as 1937 Mr. Roosevelt wanted to quarantine certain foreign nations—but during all the intervening period we failed to buy tin, rubber and other necessities—instead, we bought billions of dollars of worthless gold at a premium of $14.33 an ounce to bail out Europe and the internationalists.

According to a recent article by Paul Mallon, America is buying Canada's pork for cash — then gives it to England under the *Lend-Lease*. England in turn sells it for cash.

The New Deal is worried about trade after the war. Here we find with the connivance of our politicians we are giving away our trade, to the biggest exploiters of slave and coolie labor of Africa, India and China which is shipped in English bottoms on the sea controlled by England.

For eight years the *Reciprocal Trade Act* has given England preference in trade; England has captured our foreign trade and our domestic trade along the sea-coast. Now, the New Deal wants to build a St. Lawrence Waterway under the pretense of defense, so Canada and England can capture our interior market.

The President says we must fight for the "freedom of the seas;" then we must fight Great Britain who has denied us the freedom, opened up our mail in Bermuda, etc.

Roosevelt says: "Dupes spread peace rumors."

The dupes are those who believed in campaign oratory and politicians' pledges.

Milwaukee, Wis. —An American

Stolen or Lost

TO THE EDITOR:

Strayed: Stolen: Lost:

Somewhere between Main Street, anywhere, and Washington, D. C., the beloved, but much abused word "Democracy!"

If it's strayed, maybe some one on Main Street, anywhere, will recognize it and return it to the United States of America.

If it's stolen, then every citizen had better turn detective to capture the culprit and replace the stolen booty.

But if it's lost; then please God Help us all!

—M.I.T.

Millvale, Pa.

Militant American

TO THE EDITOR:

Let's have another "nice" war to end wars.

Or how about saving "democracy" by having a dictatorship?

And let's free the people under Hitler's domination but not those under Britain, France, or Russia. Why not save democracy in China and India where the people don't know what it is to vote (puzzle—find the democracy)?

And while we're at it, we can spread Christianity by starving the people in Spain, France, Belgium, etc.

We "hate war" but we're willing to donate $7-billion (enough to equip a special army and air force to defend South America) to keep the various wars going.

Once upon a time a handful of Americans defended America by defending America (them days is gone forever) but now 130-million Americans must hide behind the skirts of 40-million Englishmen.

Once upon a time Christ said, *"Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God"*; but now they are called "copperheads" and traitors.

Forest Park, Ill. —E.G.L.

Don't Deserve Credit

TO THE EDITOR:

I do not believe the Communists or C.I.O. or whoever you give credit for inventing the sitdown technique are entitled to such credit, when in reality it belongs to the domestic animal known as a jackass. He has the habit of sitting down on the job and hee-hawing his boss and giving everyone the horselaugh.

—P.K.

Chickasha, Okla.

America Must Resist or Be Put in British Pocket

TO THE EDITOR:

It is good that there is a paper like SOCIAL JUSTICE in the United States, in the world, for that matter—the last line of defense—a rope, not a straw, which drowning sanity can yet grab and with it pull itself back to safety, security, independence and freedom—freedom to live right and freedom from the mad whims of domestic or foreign tyrannical rulers—in the only country such freedom has been realized and can yet be saved.

We have got to face the fact that Britain, as well as Germany, Russia and Japan, is not a democracy, but an organized dictatorship, that she has always been such, and that therefore the pressure she applies on Washington politics is sharply pointed, terrific and highly effective—that she can in this way throw heavy bribes right and left with impunity—that she can move this sharp point of pressure all over the United States, concentrating first here, then there — on society, business, sports, movies, radio, press, books. From high-class to second-hand bookstore windows you can now see British propaganda crying out at you.

American business, labor, farming, politics, sports, society and publicity will have to organize and set up a similar temporary American dictatorship if it is to combat the present British and other foreign influences; and to make laws which will prevent the recurrence of such foreign propaganda and pressure so harmful to our interests!

If we are going to do nothing for fear of being accused of "playing Hitler's game," then the British will be able to walk away with this country, and order us around like slaves for the rest of our lives—those whom they let live — on the plea that any resistance to British wishes is pro-Nazi or pro-Japanese.

As it is, I have reason to believe that the National Association of Manufacturers, the National Association of Broadcasters, and most of the A.F. of L. and C.I.O. unions are now controlled by the organized British traders and their subservient government, who are intent on regaining their one-time monopoly on European business; and that our administration is only following the usual line of least resistance, obliging them with the to-be-used draft and *H. R. 1776* — 4,500,000 men for Germany.

I believe that British, French, Chinese, and Russian colonial or slave-labor products is the major cause of unemployment in the world, in the United States especially, that our strained money system is a result — that export-import dollar figures are grossly misleading—a dollar of imports may represent eight times as much in quantity as it does in domestic products here—and that our first job for American security and freedom should be the making of a permanent tariff law.

—J.R.H.

New York City

Comment

Coast Crowds Cheer 'Lindy'

MORE THAN 20,000 persons, thousands of whom arrived as early as 6 o'clock for the scheduled 8 p.m. program, thronged Hollywood's famous Bowl (June 20) to cheer former Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh at a mass meeting arranged by the Los Angeles Chapter of the *America First Committee*.

Appearing on the program with the famous flyer were Senator D. Worth Clark of Idaho, Mrs. Kathleen Norris and Lillian Gish. John Wheeler, son of Senator Burton K. Wheeler and chairman of the local committee, presented the Hon. Jos. Scott, Los Angeles attorney, who presided.

During his half century of residence in Los Angeles Mr. Scott has been a leader not only in every big Catholic enterprise, but in civic, patriotic, charitable and cultural movements. This master of ceremonies, whose own exemplary Americanism is above reproach, read with considerable scorn a large advertisement which had appeared in a Los Angeles newspaper denouncing as "Nazi-Fascist" and "Communistic" both the speakers and any Californians who would be present at the America First meeting. This ad was signed — and, presumably, paid for — *by six persons living in the Eastern part of the United States!*

Mr. Scott also denounced the action of the Pasadena board of education, which following the pattern of Miami and Philadelphia, had revoked a permit for the America First Committee to use a public school auditorium.

Kathleen Norris, another outstanding California Catholic, cited the campaign promises of both Republican and Democratic candidates that America would not enter Europe's war. Miss Lillian Gish told with regret of the part she had been persuaded to play in pro-British propaganda films in the last war.

Miss Gish and her sister, Dorothy Gish, screen stars in the days of the silent film, took part under the direction of David Wark Griffith in making *"Hearts of the World"* and *"Intolerance."* These, she said, were at the behest of Lloyd George and Lord Beaverbrook who had declared that, in their opinion, the screen was the best medium with which to arouse Americans to a war fury, and bring the United States into the war.

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Senator Clark said that the United States has insulted every country on earth and that we are now "needling" our erstwhile ally, France, while coddling Communist Russia.

"In three brief years," he said, "we have succeeded in making the world our enemy until now we have but two friends left — the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

"The last step along our road to war was the passage of the *Lease-Lend Bill*, ironically numbered 1776! Can it be that the liberty which that number brought to America, is to be taken away by the same number?" Vociferous cries of "no" answered the speaker.

As each speaker was introduced the audience arose, but when the "lone Eagle" appeared as a closing speaker the big throng broke into a wild ovation — shouting, screaming, waving flags, in a way that left no doubt as to the Lindbergh popularity out here on the West Coast.

Calmly, dispassionately, appearing to measure every word, and with a sincerity admitted even by those who had hurled vituperations at him, Colonel Lindbergh stated the "case for America" and ended with a plea for a negotiated early peace in Europe.

"We who oppose America's entrance into this war have one great advantage over the interventionists," Mr. Lindbergh said. "We will be successful if only we can *bring the facts and issues of the war clearly before the people of our country*. The interventionists can be successful only by confusing our people in regard to these facts and issues. We fight with the blade of Truth; they with the bludgeon of propaganda!

"We ask you to study our statements since the war began. They dare not ask you to study theirs. Time lies with us; for knowledge cannot be permanently suppressed, and every fact that is learned sharpens our weapon."

Colonel Lindbergh then continued:

"A general principle can be laid down, the importance of which I cannot overemphasize. Our entire national policy should be wound around it. It is that, while the developments of modern warfare have increased the vulnerability of nations within a hemisphere of each other, they have decreased the ability of one hemisphere to attack another successfully.

"For instance, the development of aviation made France and England much more vulnerable to Germany that before the war. But aviation makes it more difficult for Europe to attack America, or for America to attack Europe, than it has ever been in the past.

"Air craft alone could not carry more than a small fraction of an army large enough to invade America. They could not begin to carry the supplies for such an army. An invading army would still have to come to America by sea, and air craft can make a sea invasion more difficult than ever before.

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"Returning to the interventionists' second claim — they say the best way to defend America is to defend England. But when you pin them down to what they mean by *'defending England'* they say *we must crush Germany and restore all the territory Germany has occupied ever since the war began.*

"If we ask them whether we must also restore all the territory occupied by Russia and Japan, they usually look the other way and make some vague statement about 'supporting the four freedoms' throughout the world. And if you ask exactly how it is to be done, you seldom get any reply at all.

"I have yet to hear anyone who advocates our entry into this war outline intelligently where we would attack, or how we could win. They simply shout 'Fight!' and, usually, they are *not the people who would do the fighting.*

"England and France were never in a position to win this war," said Mr. Lindbergh in conclusion. "Those who urged them to declare war were not true friends. They have pushed two great nations to disaster. Those who urge that this war be continued are pushing all Europe to chaos.

"I have said that since this war was declared, and I say it again; with every month that passes, England will be in a worse position to negotiate peace than she was before. With every month her suffering and her hardships will increase.

"But, suppose I am wrong — suppose we in America throw all of our people and all of our resources, throw the entire future of this country into the greatest war of history. Suppose, that by some miracle of fate, after 10, 20 or 30 years of struggle, after the loss of millions of lives, we are at last able to bring Germany to her knees, in the midst of a completely devastated Europe — what would we have gained?

"What would be the result for England and France, for ourselves, except the downfall of all European civilization and the establishment of conditions in our own country far worse even than those in Germany today?

"The only way our 'American way of life' can be preserved is by staying out of this war. The only way European civilization can be saved, is by ending the war quickly. If anyone tells you otherwise, make him outline clearly his alternative. Make him tell you how this country can accomplish what he advocates. How many ships and how many men will the policy require; how many dead and how many wounded will our own country suffer; how many years of all-out war must we go through?

"After that, the decision is up to you as the free citizens of the greatest democracy left on the face of the earth. It is your right, and your duty, as a free people to decide the direction your country takes—to peace or war.

"All that we ask is that you be given THE TRUTH with which to judge, and the opportunity of expressing your judgment."

O.P.M. Efficiency

WRITING in the *Washington Post* (June 22) Mark Sullivan comments upon New Deal efficiency — or inefficiency — as exemplified in the O.P.M.

Said he:

"Some months ago a distinguished engineer and educator came to Washington to help in defense work, in the office of Production Management. His name is William E. Wickenden, and he is president of the Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, Ohio.

"After serving some time, Dr. Wickenden resigned, went back to his institution. There, on May 31, he delivered an address to his alumni, telling them what he had found at Washington.

"In what Dr. Wickenden said, there is nothing new — it is what any well informed person in Washington knows.

"What gives value to Dr. Wickenden's statement is that he spoke from experience on the inside, and that he has a gift of clear and vivid expression.

"He said: 'Our leaders are in a tough spot, with an unfinished social revolution on their hands . . . with Government credit already burdened by an unprecedented debt, and with most of the key posts filled by men unfriendly to industry and commited to the principle that labor can do no wrong. It is not easy to convert this organization into one for outproducing the world. We are still trying to grow a defense head on a New Deal body and tail. Coordination is lacking and the tail seems at times to be wagging the dog.' "

Comment

All Aid for Soviet Russia

ON THE heels of Germany's declaration of war against Soviet Russia, Winston Churchill for Britain and Franklin D. Roosevelt for the United States, pledged all aid to the Communists.

Although the defeat of Hitlerism is uppermost in the minds of these leaders, yet they did not shrink from advertising to the world that they are practitioners of the immoral, unethical principle that the end justifies the means.

Such a principle unquestionably is immoral and unethical.

Even the untutored citizen knows that the end does not justify the means.

It is a good end to acquire a thousand dollars. However, it is not allowed to murder a man to achieve that end.

On that basis, the thinking population of America will condemn both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt for allying themselves with Soviet Russia even though this alliance is merely used as a tool to overcome Hitler.

Roman Catholics in the United States need not wait for priests or bishops to remind them of the attitude they must take. That attitude has been plainly and forcefully expressed by Pius XI. In his encyclical entitled *"Atheistic Communism,"* Pius XI pointed out the sworn obligation of bishops, clergy and laity in these words:

"See to it, Venerable Brethren, that the Faithful do not allow themselves to be deceived! *Communism is intrinsically wrong, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any manner whatsoever.*"

Cardinal Hinsley said, as reported in *The London Tablet:* "Catholics will not fight as allies of the atheistic dictatorship to build up a god-hating universe . . . Let the government be warned in time. If Britain fights in a military alliance with Russia, a case of conscience will arise on resistance to military conscription . . . Britain must not, can not, ally herself to an Atheistic Dictatorship!"

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Catholics are conscious that our tax money is being employed to help Soviet Russia — Communist Russia.

Is it not a matter of conscience for them to protest?

And will it not prove to be a matter of conscience to the "Venerable Brethren" (the Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops) to see to it that their people are not deceived?

Christians may not become allies with Antichrist even though the objective is to rid the world of Hitlerism.

For years it has been our contention that both Britain and the United States have been playing hand-in-glove with the commissars of the Kremlin.

We remember that Lord Halifax, when Foreign Minister of Britain, recommended a military alliance of mutual assurances with Russia against aggression.

We remember that it has been the constant policy of President Roosevelt to pander to the Communists.

Although both Lord Halifax and Mr. Roosevelt were discomfited more than a year ago when Adolf Hitler succeeded in nullifying their overtures to Moscow, no one was innocent enough to think that the Stalin-Hitler partnership would endure.

Hitler has been opposed to the international godless Jew from the beginning. And from the beginning of this conflict, the international godless Jew dominated Soviet Russia, Britain and the United States.

Stalin was not prepared to wage war against Hitler at that time, as the events in Finland proved. He preferred to wait before he proceeded with his bolshevization of Europe.

Having waited in vain; having waited only to see France, Jugoslavia, Greece, Norway, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia and Turkey line up with his arch-opponent either through conquest or choice, he eventually heeded the word from the internationalists in Britain and America to break his contract regarding food and oil.

And thus, the inevitable war between Russia and Germany — with Germany, the aggressor if you will, as far as military aggression is concerned; and Russia the aggressor as far as contractual aggression is concerned.

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Christians throughout the world do not forget that Stalin and his political predecessors in Russia have murdered millions upon millions of Christians.

Christians throughout the world do not forget that the Communists preached atheism and attempted to wipe religion from the face of the earth.

It is true that Hitler has persecuted Jews and Christians. Yet, he has killed none; he has not banned religion.

We remind our readers of this, not to bless Hitler and condemn Stalin, but to ask them how it is possible for a Christian to ally himself with the Christ-hating, murderous brigands of Moscow.

Aside from the military aspects involved in the Russo-German war, Hitler has won a great victory in the minds of Christians throughout the world with the assistance of Messrs. Churchill and Roosevelt.

Had the leaders of Great Britain and the United States been more temperate and prudent, they would not have ventured to shout their idle propaganda of "all aid for Russia" when events have proven that they cannot give all aid to themselves.

Intemperate in their speeches and pronouncements, they committed themselves to an immorality. At the same time, the psychology of their pronouncements stiffened the back of the anti-war party in America — or, at least should stiffen it — to an extent at present immeasurable.

As for SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine, it openly, boldly and publicly refuses to collaborate in any Government plan for all aid to Communist Russia — cost what it may!

Call this defiance, if you please. It *is* defiance!

Call this "treason," if you please. It is a preference for death rather than surrender our Christian conscience and our lives to any group of men who "collaborate with Communism, in any manner whatsoever."

Indeed, SOCIAL JUSTICE is not listed as a Catholic publication. Nevertheless, we can not be anti-Catholic; for we are ready to stand or fall on the words of Pius XI — preferring martyrdom, if necessary, to any lily-livered attitude spawned by criminal prudence.

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Cardinal Hinsley's words have been recorded above. What will Cardinal Hinsley do in this crisis?

Surely, he and the other Catholic bishops of England will not repeat the tragedy enacted in the days of Henry VIII when political-minded ecclesiastics preferred to follow the lustful monarch than stand by the principles of their Church.

It is too late to cry "Shame!" on those who have minimized the advances of Marxian Communism in these United States now that our President has pledged American aid to Communist Russia.

By sanctified soporifics they have lulled their American Christian brethren into an attitude of passivity. They have shouted " 'Peace! Peace!' when there was no peace." Like hirelings they led the sheep of Christ, in many instances, into the traps of destruction, only to flee in silence when the wolves appeared.

It is not to be expected of His Holiness, Pius XII, to break forth in praise of Hitler because he attacks Communism. The same principle holds for him, namely, that the end does not justify the means.

Definitely, it is expected of the Christian leaders in America, cost what it may, to take sides in this issue in which their country is concerned.

More than ever is the truth apparent that America is for Americans.

More than ever is the policy vindicated that our business is to stay at home and mind our own business.

We repeat that SOCIAL JUSTICE will not ally itself with Antichrist in any shape, manner or form!

And we call upon our friends to assert themselves. The day of the catacombs has passed.

The issue is clear.

The New Masses

NO FRIEND of SOCIAL JUSTICE, the *New Masses,* radical publication, is opposed to the Tory trumpeting of all-out aid for Britain.

Recently it painted this picture of current living conditions in Washington, D.C.:

"With the influx of 75,000 new residents in the last year, adequate housing, always lacking in Washington, has now become as bad as during the last war. The big boys and their friends have estates in Virginia (like Stettinius), homes with fourteen bathrooms in Maryland (like Sumner Welles), or cozy little $800,000 mansions in Northwest Washington (like that acquired a number of years ago by Stimson). But rats have been seen scampering about the streets of Washington in broad daylight, while city hospital attendants have given up being shocked by rat-bitten, rat-chewed babies from Washington's sprawling slums. Rooming houses provide the only shelter for a large number of underpaid civil service workers. Rates are exhorbitant. Twenty-dollar-a-week clerks pay as much as one-third that sum to share a bedroom on a dark court and contest with ten or twelve others the use of an ill-kept bath."

Recent visitors to Washington know how the city has been recaptured by the British — and appointees of the minority.

Jubilee Sermon by Father Hutting

Your Excellency, Rt. Rev. Archbishop Beckman, Honored Jubilarian, Father Coughlin and his worthy parents, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Dear Sisters and Friends:

It is our unique privilege this morning to participate in a double celebration: the Silver Jubilee of Father Coughlin's ordination to the priesthood and the fifteenth anniversary of his coming to Royal Oak. Poor earthly words are but feeble vehicles to convey to this zealous priest the sentiments of gratitude and of congratulation that well up in the hearts of his relatives and many friends and his specially privileged parishioners on this significant occasion. That is why we gather around the altar, where we have our only adequate and all-sufficient means of praising the Almighty Who has prepared this joy for us, and of recompensing the Jubilarian for his twenty-five years of devoted service to us.

Someone has said very truthfully that if a man were ordained but for one day and had accomplished nothing more than the offering up of his first single Mass and had then passed on to eternity, the angels would have more cause to rejoice over this achievement than over all the combined terrestrial attainments of the world's great men of all times. To celebrate one Holy Mass, to act once as the go-between, the bridge-builder, the mediator between Heaven and earth, between Almighty God and helpless mankind, between the Lord of justice and a world of iniquity, that is indeed a dignity of most far reaching consequences, "a consummation devoutly to be wished." Now, multiply this by 10,000, which is approximately the number of times that Father Coughlin has celebrated the Holy Sacrifice, and the result will give you the chief reason for our abundant rejoicing today.

June 29, 1916, marks the ordination of Father Coughlin to the priesthood at St. Basil's Church, Toronto, Ontario. Enriched with noble ideals implanted in his heart by his beloved parents, equipped with a scholastic education second to none, this youthful graduate of St. Michael's College of Toronto was assigned by his Bishop to a professorship at Assumption College, Sandwich, Ontario. The thoroughness of his preparation for each class and the freshness of his presentation of the matter taught won for him the admiration of a host of students who have since been ordained to Holy Priesthood.

On Sundays Father Coughlin came to Detroit and assisted at St. Agnes Church where the depth of his sincerity, his grasp of social problems and the extent of his foresight were clearly reflected in his weekly sermons. In 1923 he was received into the Detroit Diocese by the Right Reverend Michael Gallagher and was assigned for three months as an assistant at St. Augustine's Parish, Kalamazoo. In turn he served as assistant at St. Leo's Parish, Detroit, for eighteen months, after which he was appointed to his first parish at North Branch, Michigan. Here he remained until 1926 when he was ordered to organize a new parish at Royal Oak.

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The mere mention of Royal Oak brings back a host of fragrant memories which cluster like lilacs around the tiny shingle-covered Shrine were Father Coughlin had his headquarters in the pioneer days of this parish. It was there in cramped living quarters just off the sanctuary that he penned his consoling messages to the shut-ins of the nation. It was there that he conceived the idea of establishing a God's Poor Society through which medium he was able to care for sixty-seven destitute families a day.

It was there in that humble haven of prayer that he originated the Radio League of the Little Flower which enabled him to transmit his lucid instructions on the Encyclicals of the Popes and his Children's Hour to the farthest corners of this country.

It was there in the Little Shrine that he dreamed of a national weekly newspaper that would present to the enlightened as well as to the unlettered a thorough digest of the true news behind the news.

Yes, it was there before the sanctuary lamp of that tiny temple, after much reflection and much planning, that he exclaimed, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; let us build here three tabernacles, one for Thee, one for Moses and one for Elias," that is, a magnificent Shrine, a convenient priest's house and a modern school. Behold the man of foresight, the man of vision.

It would be beside the point to measure in words the success with which Father Coughlin's every endeavor has been crowned. This unique Shrine stands as an admirable monument to his untiring zeal and his ardent devotion to the cause of religion. His radio lectures, preserved in printed form, give ample testimony of his ardent love of country and of his flaming ambition to promote justice. What is of prime importance here and now is that we try to understand and appreciate the philosophy of life which guided Father Coughlin in the attainment of his almost unbelievable achievements. That philosophy is summed up in the motto which is inscribed on the panel above the fireplace in the rectory of the Shrine: *"In contingentibus, libertas (in those things that admit of choice, let us have liberty); (in those things which are necessary, let us have unity) in necessariis, unitas; in omnibus, caritas (in all things let us have charity)."*

To ensure liberty, to promote unity and to enthrone charity has ever been the aim of Father Coughlin, today's Jubilarian. Year after year, Sunday after Sunday, when other priests were enjoying an afternoon of perfectly justifiable rest and when multitudes of the laity were flocking to places of amusement, the Radio Priest appeared at the microphone and defended the liberty of the Christian family, championed the right of the worker to a living annual wage, explained the requisites of a true Christian democracy according to the encyclicals of the Popes, proclaimed the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, sought to uplift the masses and to subdue the strife between the classes, endeavored to bring about a closer co-operation between capital and labor, denounced the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few to the detriment of the many, strove constantly to smoothen out the wrinkles in social life, to unite the members of the great human family, and to elevate the average man to a condition becoming to his dignity as a son of God.

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Naturally, a well defined program of this kind evoked the howling protest of the usurers, of the war-lords and of the plutocrats. Here they had to face a man who understood the meaning of a militant Christian. Here they encountered a tireless genius who was prepared to utilize his talents and even sacrifice his life to oppose their selfish aims. In Father Coughlin they met a student of history, of economics, of politics who could penetrate beneath their hypocritical cloak and lay bare their diabolical intentions. In the Radio Priest of Royal Oak they found a man who hated compromise, who detested the tactics of the yes-man; they came face to face with an economist who had a workable and equitable system whereby all classes of men could co-operate in the attainment of the common welfare.

It is not surprising, then, that the agents of evil should institute a smear campaign of which Father Coughlin was the target. Our Divine Lord, the Savior of the world, experienced even greater opposition. It is not to be marvelled at that these modern Pharisees branded Father Coughlin as an anti-Semite, as a pro-Nazi, as a demagogue and as an agitator. Was not Christ of old called a wine-bibber, a perverter of the people, a traitor to the cause of Caesar, a prince of devils?

Of His Apostles Christ predicted that they would be put out of the synagogues and that they who put them to death would think that they were doing a service to God. The hour has come when certain pink-complexioned politicians are praying that Father Coughlin might "jump the traces" and be precipitated from the lofty station which he has reached by dint of hard work, honest living and pursuit of high ideals.

The hour has come when self-centered so-called patriots make it their ordinary business to go out scalp hunting, deeming it a stroke of genuine sportsmanship to bring home with them the scalp of a priest who has devoted his life to the welfare of his fellow countrymen. And they call that 100 per cent Americanism. For such as these Father Coughlin holds no antipathy. He commiserates them in their distress and prays that they may be given help to correct their vision and turn their energies to better purposes.

How perplexed they will be when they witness or read the account of today's celebration in which the man of their fears stands at the altar of God and offers up this Silver Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving, surrounded by numerous brother priests, by a good representation of various religious orders and by throngs of sound-minded laity, both Catholic and non-Catholic.

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Father Coughlin has asked me to voice his sincere gratitude to all who have been of assistance to him during these twenty-five years of his priesthood. His thanks go out in a special way to the many priests who have encouraged him in his important work, to the sisters who have instructed the children in his school, to the thousands of lay people who have co-operated with him in the attainment of his accomplishments.

He has a special word of thanks and a special blessing for the Sisters at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament on Oakland Avenue at Boston Blvd. Father Coughlin has frequently referred to the Monastery as the "power house" of the Shrine of the Little Flower. It was from them that Father Coughlin received his first relic of the Little Flower. He received word from them today through two of their representa-

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A Tribute by the Detroit Free Press

THE FOLLOWING interview with Father Coughlin, written by Mr. J. D. Callaghan of the *Detroit Free Press,* was published in that newspaper, Sunday, June 29—Father Coughlin's Jubilee Day.

In contrast to the smears which some publications have leveled at the Radio Priest, the *Free Press* story is handled with commendable fairness and dignity.

It reads as follows:

"If you would know what is to come out of this present world of turmoil, do as you used to do when you were cribbing an examination—look in the back of the book; there you'll find all the answers."

This whimsical reference to the Book of Revelations was the advice of the Rev. Father Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of a Roman Catholic parish in Royal Oak, in an exclusive interview with the *Free Press* this week, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination as a priest.

"Unaided we cannot unravel the future," he said. "We don't understand the past; we are confused by the present and it is idle to speculate on the future. It is in the hands of God and that is where we must place ourselves."

The Silver Jubilee of the famed "Radio Priest" is being observed Sunday in more than 100 Catholic churches throughout the nation as persons whose lives have been touched by Father Coughlin's teachings receive Holy Communion for his intentions.

At the same time, religious and laity of his own parish will join visting dignitaries in their own tributes at the soaring Crucifixion Tower of the Shrine of the Little Flower at Twelve Mile and Woodward.

The object of all these attentions views the preparations with some trepidation and with a greal deal of humility. He would rather, he says with real sincerity, spend the day in meditation and prayer.

"Twenty-five years is such a short time when it is gone by," he sighed as he sat in his cool study at the rear of the Shrine. "The good one might have done seems to overshadow all of the time's achievements.

"I fear the recording angel will not ask, 'How many buildings have you erected?' He will want to know what you have done about the commandment of love."

"All this," he went on, taking in the magnificence of architecture and sculpture in an inclusive gesture, "is just so much brick and mortar. One child baptized or one repentant sinner returned to the fold would far outweigh it in the eternity to come."

He consistently refused to be drawn out on the future activities of himself, either as a public figure or as a parish priest.

"I will remain obedient to my superiors," he said. "That is the duty of a priest next to obedience to God. An example in obedience is sorely needed right now. All the regimentation—all the price fixing will be of no avail if we do not learn again to submit ourselves to God."

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Certainly the record of his material achievements is plainly written in marble and bronze at the famous Twelve Mile intersection, where the renowned monument to Charity dominates the landscape.

It is a monument to Charity rather than Tolerance that he wishes it to be known, for tolerance, he points out, is a misused word. "We may tolerate sinners, but never sin," he declared.

Despite the turmoil and stress of life which he survived during his activities as a radio speaker, at 49, Father Coughlin is still youthful looking and in the best of condition. He keeps himself that way by due attention to physical care.

"Too many priests are prone to neglect their waist lines," he remarked. "They become 'circular' as well as secular priests."

The tremendous pressures which he sustained when his mail ran to 10,000,000 letters a year have eased a bit, and his mail has now simmered down to a mere thousand or so letters a day.

"A majority of the writers seek spiritual guidance and comfort and I make every effort to personalize each reply," he said. "They come from people of all faiths and walks of life.

"When I look back over to the 25 years since my ordination, it is the result of this correspondence that brings me greatest comfort. So many of these writers have found their way back to a faith in God.

"The thought fills me with gratitude and humility that I should have been the instrument for their comfort. Any other man could have done as well—many of them better.

"If I have learned anything in the past 25 years, it is a more exact application of the precepts of humility and obedience that we were taught in the schools."

Meantime there was a great amount of hushed talk and sudden interruptions by members of the staff as they went ahead with preparations for the celebration.

"I think a Silver Jubilee must be designed to bring its greatest joy to the dear people who do it up," he remarked. "You know the details are supposed to be something of a surprise, so I dutifully keep my ears closed when I happen to stumble on a caucus. I'm sure they will enjoy it all immensely."

Father Coughlin referred but briefly to his long crusade for social justice, which he carries on today just as enthusiastically as he did while on the air.

"This world struggle is just a continuance of the old war of Communism and Marxism against God," he declared vehemently. "Will they never see that there can be no real peace without justice for all?"

"It's just a continuance of the first World War and the hatreds engendered by the Versailles Treaty. We have turned from God and this is the result. We should not cry if we are hurt by our own foolhardiness. Many of us still think we can carry on by our own genius; it's pitiful."

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It was on June 29, 1916, in the midst of the World War, that Father Coughlin was made a priest in St. Basil's Church, Toronto. He was born in October, 1891, of American parents then residents at Hamilton, Ont.

From the beginning of his service Father Coughlin has been identified with the three-way world struggle between modern capitalism, Marxism and Christian justice, and it was his fiery championing of the latter that precipitated him into prominence via the radio.

Long before he was heard as the evangelist of social justice, however, he already had a radio audience through his broadcasts of his children's catechism classes each Sunday, a project to which he still gives his personal attention for a half an hour weekly, though not over the air.

Before he was commissioned in 1926 to establish a new parish at Royal Oak, he had been heard in various pulpits in Detroit, as assistant priest and administrator.

When he arrived at the site of his new parish there was no vestige of a building, and Woodward flowed as a narrow track of dust and mud.

He immediately established the wooden church at the intersection—the first parish church in the world to be dedicated to "The Little Flower," Ste. Therese de Liseaux, who had been recently canonized.

The parish properties now comprise the magnificent tower and church, with its great wealth of art; a high school across the road, now being enlarged; a girls' high school at Thirteen Mile and Woodward, now nearing completion, and two convents—one at the Shrine and the other at the girls' school.

Into the building of the tower and church, Father Coughlin says, more contributions by Protestants than by Catholics have gone, so that it bears out its name of a monument to Charity.

Modernity of art and design mark the buildings within and without, and it is notable that but few of the inscriptions are in Latin. Most of them are in plain English for all to read. The church auditorium itself has been described by experts as one of the few acoustically perfect in existence—"a pure accident of construction," Father Coughlin admits.

The story of the building of the tower has been told before, but might bear re-telling. Royal Oak was then a hotbed of the Ku Klux Klan, and in due course a flaming cross was set so near the wooden church as to endanger it.

Father Coughlin helped neighbors put out the fire, remarking, "We must set up a cross that can't be burnt." The Crucifixion Tower was the eventual result.

Although the parish consists of a mere 250 families, approximately 10,000 persons attend the seven masses that are celebrated each Sunday. More than 50,000 have been known to attend, within the church and in front of the outdoor altar erected on the ruins of the wooden church after it was destroyed by fire.

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tives that the Sisters are spending this day on their knees before the Blessed Sacrament, thanking God for the success which the Radio Priest has enjoyed and wishing him the best of God's blessings for the future.

A similar day of prayer is being observed at the Carmelite Convent on Webb Avenue.

Across the country, in many a chapel and church, admirers and followers of Father Coughlin are joining with us in powerful prayer that God may spare our jubilarian for many a year. From many a sick bed supplications are rising heavenward in petition for blessings upon Father Coughlin.

For centuries past the oak has stood for all that is strong, for things immortal. For centuries to come Royal Oak will be the symbol of fortitude, the Shrine of the militant spirit that overcomes all obstacles in pursuit of the eternal good. How often have we and an unseen multitude of brothers and sisters throughout the country heard Father Coughlin proclaim that "it is high time that we leave off talking about the rights of man and begin to respect the Divine Rights of Christ the King. It is imperative that we spend more time in the practice of our duties than in the asserting of our rights."

This, then, shall be our most precious gift to Father Coughlin on his Silver Jubilee the pledge, that, in imitation of him, we shall gird ourselves with truth and wear over our hearts the breastplate of justice and battle unflinchingly for the Divine Rights of Christ Our Immortal King.

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Is America First Committee Loco?

PRONOUNCEMENTS by certain members of the *America First Committee*, from time to time, have been irritating to many citizens desirous of keeping the United States out of a shooting war.

Reports continue to indicate that officers in this organization want to use the vast following of Father Coughlin for their dollar value but are reluctant to use these same persons for their moral support.

Recently an *America First* meeting was held at Highland Park, a Chicago suburb.

News vendors mingled with the crowd selling Chicago daily newspapers and national weekly publications.

Two or three persons were engaged in selling SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine.

General Wood, head man of the *America First Committee*, accosted one of the SOCIAL JUSTICE salesmen at the front entrance of the meeting place and said to him: *"We don't want you here. Now, go away!"*

The salesman reminded the General that the *Chicago Tribune* boys were selling papers.

The General, unmoved by this argument, replied: "I'm ordering you to move! The *Tribune* is backing us."

At this juncture a distributor for SOCIAL JUSTICE intervened, reminding the General that the *America First Committee* has been supported by SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine and Father Coughlin's friends.

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In the face of "repudiation" by questionable local leadership in some instances, SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine has persisted in continuing its support of *America First*.

In two recent editions of this National Magazine, the back page editorial has been given over to comment urging our readers to have patience with these local "repudiations" and to co-operate with the only organization left that can effectively work to keep this country out of war.

This was the "support" that the Chicago sales people called to General Wood's attention.

The stern Sears Roebuck General was unmoved. He insisted: *"We don't want you people at America First meetings. You people confuse the issue!"*

The SOCIAL JUSTICE distributor reminded General Wood that the issue was one of peace; that he had proclaimed on the platform his belief in free speech. All this was to no avail.

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Thus, we now propose to let General Wood have his way as far as the *America First Committee* is concerned.

Hitherto, it has been our policy to support him and his organization because it was the only organized group which raised a powerful voice in the interest of no shooting.

As a matter of fact, there has been no shooting.

As a matter of fact, it is too late to get into a shooting war in favor of Great Britain.

As a matter of fact, should we become engaged in a shooting war, it will be not only in favor of Great Britain but also of the Communists, here and in Russia.

And no true American, no true Christian, can bring himself to believe that this can happen.

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The *America First Committee* has served its purpose.

It filled the stop-gap until events abroad proved decisively, even to slow-thinking Americans, that our place is at home; that our business is to mind our own business.

The *America First Committee* supplied an opportunity to two of our most outstanding Americans to tell the suppressed truth to their fellow citizens—ex-Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and Senator Burton K. Wheeler.

These two men we applaud and revere.

However, General Wood has indicated his Committee's policy — a policy unfortunately stemming from bigotry; a policy subservient to the dictates of his "cloistered advisers."

This is the same *clique* that engineered the Willkie repudiation of our support in the Republican campaign.

American Christians at the Crossroads:
Read 'Communism and a Christian Front'